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## PREPARING COALITION GOVT

### Anti-KMT Groups In HK Drawing Up Plans WORKING WITH REDS

Preparations for setting up a coalition government in China, opposed to the present Chinese administration are now in full swing in Hong Kong by exiled political groups.

Marshal Li Chai-sum, Chairman of the Kuomintang Revolutionary Committee, told the "Sunday Herald" yesterday that the seat of the coalition government is dependent on military developments.

He disclosed that the refugee democratic groups in the Colony have been discussing the convention of a Political Consultative Conference for the past three months.

Such a conference, in which all political parties willing to participate in the proposed coalition government will be represented, will be held at the earliest on October 10 or in spring at the latest, said Marshal Li.

At this conference, the constitution of the proposed coalition government will be discussed among other related subjects. The representative meeting will be held "somewhere in North China."

In an exclusive interview with the "Sunday Herald" last night, Marshal Li said that the place where the proposed coalition government will be established had not yet been decided. "Most probably it will be in North China," he added.

The 63-year-old Chinese soldier said that the seat of the government might even be in Central China or at Canton, dependent on military developments.

### Communist Suggestion

Marshal Li said that the current discussions by the democratic groups in Hong Kong were an outcome of the Communist Party's May Day Declaration in which the Party's Chairman, Mao Tse-tung, had suggested a convention of a Political Consultative Conference of all democratic and liberal parties in China.

Marshal Li added that the democratic groups in Hong Kong had accepted the suggestion and sent a reply to Mao Tse-tung. Owing to communication difficulties, the reply was not received by Mao until recently.

He added that the first step towards establishing a coalition government is the convention of a Political Consultative Conference of all interested parties and groups. Discussions are now in progress regarding the time, place, scope of PCC discussions, the delegates to participate in it, he said.

The onetime Chief of Staff of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek said that "regardless of how the military situation develops, the Political Consultative Conference will be convened somewhere in North China on October 10, the beginning of next year."

Marshal Li said that if circumstances permit, he will personally



MARSHAL LI CHAI-SUM

### No Soviet Pattern

participate in the proposed conference.

The Marshal who supported Chiang Kai-shek against the Communists in 1926-27 with armed divisions led by Generals Tsai Ting-kai, Chung Fu-kwei, and Chen Ming-shu because the Communists' platform was "too drastic" for China, yesterday emphatically declared that the proposed coalition government will not follow the Russian pattern; neither will it be allowed to be controlled by one particular party nor any individual.

"It's going to be, and must be, a genuine coalition government," declared the Marshal. "The democratic groups will withdraw from any conference or organization at the slightest attempt at domination by any party or group."

Questioned about the possibility of the Communist Party dominating the proposed coalition government, Marshal Li said he does not think the Communist Party will do so.

"If the Communists want to dominate China, they will not seek our opinion and co-operation. Their declarations, proposals, expressions, and their platform are regarded by the democratic groups as fair and acceptable. I sincerely believe that they do not intend to dominate the proposed coalition government because they as well as we know that it will lead to failure," added Marshal Li.

### KMT Visitors

Asked whether the current reform movement in the Kuomintang ranks had any connection with the democratic movement, Marshal Li said that it had no "formal" connection. He added: "Reforms" under the Chiang government are impossible. Reforms must be epochal, not merely change of leaders.

The Marshal disclosed that "some people from the Chiang camp have visited me and talked about reforms. I told them that reforms are impossible unless the present dictatorship is completely abolished."

### Constitution "Is A Farce"

Marshal Li said that in the 37 years of the Chinese Republic there have not been any fundamental changes in the feudalistic system. The Constitution adopted last year is a farce, he said.

"Dr. T. V. Soong, Governor of Kwangtung, was one of the people who called on me. He asked me what I thought about the administration of Kwangtung and if I had any suggestion to make. I advised him to follow the Three Peoples' Principles of Dr. Sun Yat-sen," added the Marshal.

Asked how the influence of the democratic movement was being felt in China, Marshal Li Chai-sum pointed to the series of student demonstrations and other "similar" events in China. He said that the movement is also gaining momentum abroad especially in America where branches of the democratic parties have been set up.

Born in the Kwangtung town of Wuchow, on the West River, Marshal Li was one of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's key men in the Northern Expedition to liquidate the warlords and unify China.

His relations with the Kuomintang-dominated Chinese Government deteriorated since 1929. He was once under house detention at Tanshan on Chiang's orders.

### Fought Japs

Marshal Li took part in the abortive Fukien Rebellion and later with General Li Tsung-jen, present Vice-President of China, and General Pai Chung-hai, until recently Defence Minister, formed a separate Government in South China called the Southwest Political Council.

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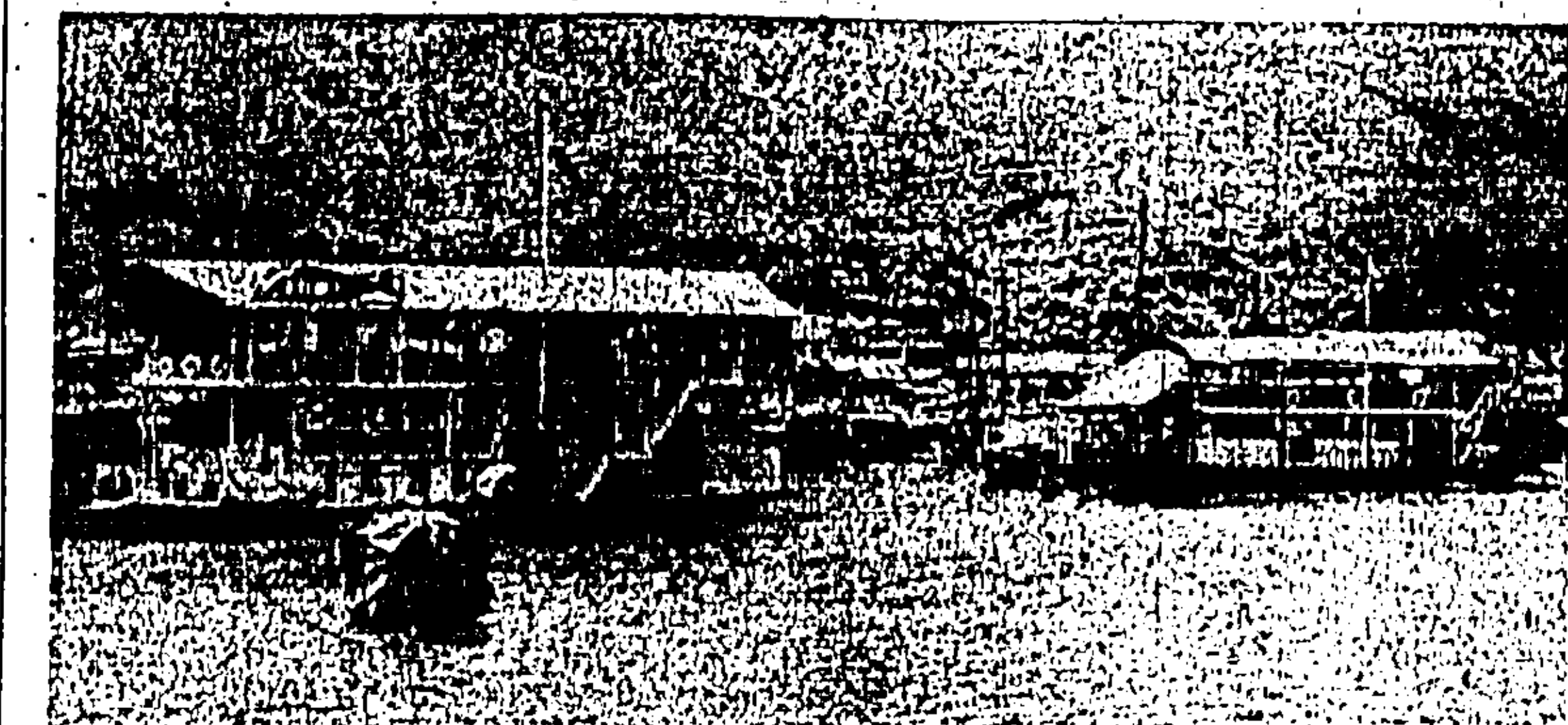
## Carthage Is Back On Far East Run

The 14,200-ton passenger liner Carthage is returning to the regular P. & O. Far East passenger service and is due here on August 28 from London.

Used as an armed merchant cruiser and trooper in the War, the Carthage spent 10 months on the Clyde for reconditioning into civilian service and left Southampton on July 30 for China and Malaya via Ceylon.

"Up to the present, the Carthage has been the only liner on this run. The Corfu, sister ship of the Carthage, is now undergoing reconditioning and will return to this service soon."

Built by Alexander Stephen & Sons on the Clyde for the P. & O. East trade, the vessel is equipped with twin-screw geared turbines of 14,000 hp, giving her a speed of 17 knots. She accommodates 180 first class passengers and 215 in the tourist class. She has a white hull and superstructure and



## Floating Restaurants Serve Marine Delicacies

Anchored 200 yards off the Praya in the calm waters of Aberdeen Harbour are the first four marine restaurants considered suitable to be licensed by the Marine Department after an inspection yesterday morning.

Two of the six vessels already in service were found to be unsuitable because of the lack of the necessary life-saving requirements and also being too narrow and dangerous for a heavy load. A new large vessel is under construction and will join the fleet soon.

Urban Council bye-laws governing this type of vessel are, meanwhile, awaiting Government approval. When approved, licences will be issued by the Marine Department.

By courtesy of the Marine Department, a "Sunday Herald" representative joined the inspection party which cruised round the natural harbour in the department's launch and boarded each floating restaurant.

The Fire Brigade Department will also inspect these vessels regarding fire precaution measures.

During yesterday's inspection, instructions to provide the necessary life-saving requirements were given by the official of the Marine Department. Another inspection will take place some time this week.

### Traditional Junk

An example of the new development of the traditional Chinese marriage junk and a popular innovation today is the Tai Pak Marine Restaurant. She is the biggest and the most elaborately decorated of the vessels.

Fishermen normally have their marriage ceremonies on board junks and on these occasions the vessels become "feasting establishments" where food is provided. Before the war, small junks, operated far and wide, it was only after the war that the marine

### British Film Suspended

Nanking, August 7. "Black Narcissus," a British technical production, portraying the lives of the inmates of a convent in India, was suspended from showing in Nanking theatres today after local Catholic circles had protested against certain scenes considered "derogatory" to their religion.

The film, which began showing several days ago, was withdrawn from public exhibition at the insistence of Archbishop Paul Yulin, who acted upon the request of Catholic members who had been incensed by what appeared to them as "derogatory references" to the culture portrayed.

Similar opposition had greeted the picture when it was shown in Shanghai.

Reuter-AAP

### Warning On Danube Proposal

Belgrade, August 7. The United States bluntly warned today that the Danube River will remain cut in two for traffic if Eastern Europe's Communist states deny Austria a seat on the Danube control board.

The position was laid down by American Ambassador Cavendish Cannon shortly before the Danubian conference voted 7-1 to make the proposed Soviet plan for a new Danube pact the basis for its discussion.

### Missionary Barge

The Yue Lee Tai was formerly a missionary barge. Biblical lectures and services were held on board at various places around the island. She was converted after the war and an additional deck constructed. The vessel has three decks and accommodates about 150 customers. The restaurant, named after her, has 22 persons working on board.

One of the two floating restaurants found to be unsuitable by the Marine Department yesterday was the Fook Sang, which comprises two converted junks, connected together by a gangplank. One of the junks, which the owner claimed to be newly converted, was found to be too narrow and dangerous for heavy load. The vessel was supported on both sides by floating tanks. The kitchen is situated at the stern of the vessel while the upper deck is used as the hall. It uses hurricane lamps for lighting, was converted after the war.

The other rejected was the Hop Koo Marine Restaurant. The owner declared that a new vessel as large as the Tai Pak's craft is at present under construction in Canton and will be in service within 100 days.

### Many Small Sampons

Plying between the pier restaurants and the Praya are about 100 small passenger sampans, each capable of carrying five persons. Each is equipped with deck chairs and small stools. Two women row the small craft, which work independently of the restaurants.

Aberdeen, known as "Little Hong Kong," is the base of the local fishing fleet and the harbour is daily crowded with a line of boats, most of them bearing their brown sails, sailing out from the Praya, and returning from the South West and North East the harbour. The boats are used for the purpose of small craft during such.

### THE OLYMPICS

## Finn Favoured In Marathon Little Korean Has Good Chance

London, August 7. Eight days of rigorous Olympic athletics and swimming programmes were ending at Wembley today with the running of the Marathon, the most romantic of all events and one which every long distance runner in the world would give his soul to win.

This star race, in which a little Korean, Yon Bok Suh, stands an excellent chance of carrying the Asiatic banner to a place in the first three, will be the highlight of a magnificent day's programme which is expected to draw a capacity crowd.

Named after the famous battleground of the ancient Greeks, the Marathon, a road race of 42 kilometres and 295 metres, will be run over a course beginning in the Olympic Stadium, going into the highways and by-ways of Middlesex County, and back again into the Stadium for the finish.

Yon Bok Suh has the advantage of being trained by Son, who firmly believes the Korean will not only win but break Son's own Olympic record. Another strong Olympic competitor is Britain's Jack Holden, who, at 41, is one of the oldest competitors.

The Marathon is expected to result in a desperate struggle for title by the tireless Finn, Mikko Hyalainen, who won the Marathon at the last British Marathon in Cordary, Hungary—19 mins. 44.2 mins. 10.7 secs. 6th—Forbes Norris, United States—20 mins. 10.8 secs. 7th—Donald Bland, Great Britain—20 mins. 10.8 secs. 10th—William Heister, United States—20 mins. 45.4 secs.

Joe Verduer, of the United States, won the 200 metres Olympic breast-stroke final, creating a new Olympic record time of two minutes 39.3 seconds. Keith Carter (USA) was second 42 mins. 43.2 secs., while also broke the old Olympic record, Robert Both (USA) was third in 2 mins. 43.9 secs. The old Olympic record was 3 mins. 42.5 seconds, set up by T. Mamuro, of Japan, in 1936, but Verduer had recovered 2 mins. 43 secs. in his preliminary heat.

Ann Curtis, of the United States, won the women's 400 metres freestyle final. The first five all broke the old Olympic record. 1st Ann Curtis (USA); time 5 mins. 17.8 secs. (New Olympic record). 2nd Jaren Tarup, Denmark—5 mins. 21.2 secs. (New Olympic record). 3rd Catherine Gibson, Great Britain, 5 mins. 22.5 secs. (New Olympic record). 4th Fernande Giron, of Belgium—5 mins. 25.3 seconds (new record). 5th Brenda Helsler, United States—5 mins. 26 seconds. (new record).

The United States won the men's Olympic 400 metres relay final but were disqualified and Great Britain declared the winner. Reuter.

Pascual Perez (Argentina) beat R. Adolfo (Philippines), the referee stopping the fight in the third round. B. Han, of Korea, beat R. Ganstover, of Austria, on points. M. Thant, of Burma, beat O. Sandulo, of Canada, on points. The following competitors received prizes in the first of the series: F. Sodano (USA), W. Barnes (Ireland), A. Poliquet (Belgium), Bhattacharya (India), F. Majdloch (Czechoslovakia) and H. Carpenter (Great Britain).

Cycling, 1,000 metres scratch repechage. Heat 2: R. Rodriguez, of Cuba, beat R. Mullendorp, of India—time, 14.5 seconds.

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Yesterday's Weather:  
Maximum 29.8 deg. F.  
Minimum 24.8 deg. F.  
Sunshine 12.8 hours.  
Rainfall: 0.0 in. (0.0 in. against an average of 142.8 mm. or 5.6 in.).  
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10 a.m. 29.8 deg. F.  
1 p.m. 30.2 deg. F.  
4 p.m. 29.8 deg. F.  
7 p.m. 27.8 deg. F.  
10 p.m. 26.8 deg. F.  
Wind: 10 mph.  
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## Goods Were Not Genuine: Claim Return Of Deposit

### Tried To Work His Passage

A former student of La Salle College told the Marine Court yesterday that he boarded the President Cleveland to look for a job to work his way through to Manila to rejoin his family there.

Eighteen-year-old Hui Kiu-fai, alias Kho Hui, of Manila, was arrested by Chief Officer A. Larson of the APL liner on Friday evening in the room of one of the crew. He had no pass to board the vessel but produced his temporary Philippine passport, which had expired.

Charged with unlawful boarding, the student was fined \$50 or two weeks' imprisonment by Mr. D. G. Cairns yesterday. On hearing his sentence, the youth requested he be permitted to telephone his friend at the St. Stephen's School to ask for money.

Kho Hui said that he came here in March last year and joined the La Salle College. He left school recently and wanted to go back to his family in Manila. He had no money and was looking for a job on board the President Cleveland when he was caught.

### Servant Says She Was Raped

The master of a ship was charged before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday with indecent assault and rape of his servant girl, and possession of a revolver and 14 rounds of ammunition.

On the application of Inspector G. Willerton the man, Chan Chung Yun, aged 49, was remanded for three days in police custody. According to the prosecution the arms and ammunition were found when the police went to 6 Shepherd St. on August 6 to investigate a complaint made by the girl that she had been indecently assaulted on August 4 and raped on the following day.

Mr. A. L. Arculli is for the defence.

### Where a person wrongfully repudiates his contract, he is not entitled to claim a return of any deposit paid by him under such contract.

This submission was put forward by Mr. D. A. L. Wright before Sir Lealie Gibson (Chief Justice), at the Supreme Court yesterday, when hearing of the action by the Shun Yuen Co. (plaintiffs) against International Chemicals and Basic Thompson, a partner (defendants).

The action is for recovery of \$2,000 paid by the plaintiffs to the defendants under a contract for the sale and purchase of 200 one-lb. tins of Eucrine Saline Crystals.

Mr. B. A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. D. L. Strellett of Messrs. Brutton & Co., represented the plaintiffs.

The defendants were represented by Mr. D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr. P. A. L. Vine of Messrs. Deacons.

**Plaintiffs' Claim**  
The plaintiffs claim that the contract entered into by them with the defendants in September 1947 specified genuine "Monsanto" Saccharine. To ensure that there should be no mistake, a photograph of the genuine "Monsanto" label was attached to the contract.

The plaintiffs subsequently heard from Sherry & Co., authorised agents for "Monsanto" regarding imitations of their product, in the market, in which the defendants were involved. As a result, plaintiffs repudiated the contract and claimed for a refund of the deposit. They claimed that they were entitled to repudiate the contract by reason of the defendants' inability to supply the genuine goods.

Mr. Wright said that defendants admitted there was a contract with the plaintiffs and that a preliminary deposit of \$2,000 was received by them from the plaintiffs. The defendants also admitted that the contract had not been performed, but denied that the non-performance was due to any act, neglect or default on their part.

Under the agreement for sale, the plaintiffs contracted to buy \$450,000 worth of goods from the defendants, the unpaid balance of the agreed deposit of \$2,000,000, upon receiving information of the name of the ship by which the goods were due to arrive. This information was supplied to the plaintiffs on November 8, 1947, being the unpaid balance of the deposit upon receipt of the ship's name, or at any time.

**Arrival Confirmed**  
The goods, the subject of the agreement, arrived in Hong Kong on November 25. The defendants

## New Bank Opening Tomorrow

The United Chinese Bank, Ltd. will be opened tomorrow for business, Major General S. K. Yee, CBE, Managing Director announced yesterday.

Major General Yee, who played an important role in Hong Kong soon after the liberation as a member of the Chinese Military Delegation, is the organizer of the new bank, which has its office in the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Building.

The United Chinese Bank, Ltd. has an authorized capital of HK\$10,000,000, mostly raised from overseas Chinese in America, Canada, South Africa, Philippines, Malaya and the East Indies.

Since retiring from political life in 1945, Major General Yee has been engaged in the import-export business. Later he expanded his business into banking and organized the new bank.

## Another Charged In Ammo Theft

Unremitting inquiries by the Water Police CID into the theft of 244 boxes containing 88,798 rounds of .380, and 480 rounds of .455, revolver ammunition from Stonecutters Island on February 9, resulted in another man being charged before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

Ngai Muk-ho, 33 years, Naval Store Clerk living at 2 Reclamation Street (first floor) was charged by Detective Sub-Inspector B. S. Sarag to have "counselled and procured, aided and abetted" Kwai Kung-ho, Chan Yiu alias Kan Tau, Kwok So alias Mo Lo-so, Li Yau and Li Fuk-chuen on various dates between August 1, 1947, and February 9, 1948, in the larceny.

On the application of the prosecution, defendant was remanded for three days in custody. Two co-accused, a boatman, and a "barber character" have been sentenced from six to 30 months' hard labour in connection with the theft of ammunition.

The first arrests were made in March, the next in April, and the third in June.

## Armed Robbery Alleged

Committal proceedings were concluded before Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central yesterday, when Lai Chi-yu, aged 25, was charged with armed robbery and possession of firearms and was committed to stand trial at the next sessions.

Inspector T. Cashman said that on January 31, Chan So was returning home when he was met on the staircase by two men, one of whom was armed with a revolver.

He had a box containing about \$50, the proceeds of his stall's taking and was also wearing a gold ring.

The two robbers took and before they could get away he managed to knock one of the robbers down the stairs, he himself tumbling after him.

Meanwhile the other robber got away and the one who had fallen managed to get up and escape. It was then discovered that the robbers in their hurry to get away left the box behind.

After formal evidence had been given by the complainant and other witnesses, defendant was committed to trial.

## Big Divan Raided

A large divan, occupying two-thirds of the first floor of 390 Reclamation Street, and equipped with five beds, seven pipes, nine lamps, was raided by Sub-Inspector McLeod at 2.30 a.m. yesterday.

Ki Chung, pleading guilty before Mr. J. Wicks later in the morning to the charges of keeping a divan, possession of two pipes, possession of three lamps, and possession of five pipes and lamps, was remanded to the fine of \$500 or six months' hard labour in default. The five sub-accused were fined \$85 each.

When Chan Chi, remanded from Friday, was brought before Mr. J. Wicks yesterday, he pleaded guilty to the charges of possession of a divan, possession of two pipes, possession of three lamps, and possession of five pipes and lamps, and was remanded to the fine of \$500 or six months' hard labour in default.

# HONG KONG THREATENED BY NATIONALISTS AND THE REDS

Singapore, August 7.

Governors and Service chiefs in South East Asia met here today in their first big conference since the war—reportedly to thrash out defence problems for this key area of the British Commonwealth.

This afternoon, the Governors met for the second time at Bukit Serene, the residence of Johore Bahru of Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, the Commissioner-General for South East Asia. The Service chiefs were not present at this second session, which lasted three and a half hours.

At the earlier meeting, both the Governors and the Service chiefs met for three and a half hours as the Defence Coordination Committee for South East Asia, with Mr. MacDonald in the chair.

The earlier meeting was attended by General Sir Neil Ritchie, Commander-in-Chief, Far East Land Forces; Air Marshal Sir Hugh Lloyd, Air Officer Commanding, Far East Air Force; Admiral C. Caslon, Flag Officer Commanding, Malaya, and Vice-Admiral C.H.L. Woodhouse, Commander British East Indies Fleet, who is visiting Singapore.

The Governors present included Sir Franklin Gimson (Singapore), Sir Charles Arden Clarke (Sarawak), Sir Alexander Graham (Hong Kong), Sir Alex. Newbould (Acting High Commissioner for the Federation of Malaya), and Mr. James Calder (Officer Administering the Government of North Borneo).

The areas represented were: Malaya—in the hopes of a full-scale guerrilla warfare directed against the dollar producing tin and rubber industries with the ultimate aim of setting up a Communist republic.

**Nationalist Pressure**  
Singapore—the great naval base now being redesigned to cut out the weaknesses which led to its fall in the last war. Separated by a narrow strait from the mainland, Singapore Island has suffered less terrorism than the Malayan Federation.

Hong Kong—the island colony under pressure from Chinese Nationalists, who want it incorporated into their Republic, and believed threatened by increased Communist guerrilla warfare in South China.

The Hong Kong garrison has just sent troops to Malaya to help fight the guerrillas.

Sarawak and North Borneo—said to be "all quiet". Borneo Dyaks—headhunters—may soon be used against the Malayan guerrillas, it was disclosed today.

The Governors' conference, strictly secret, is being held in the office of Mr. Malcolm MacDonald.

The first attempt by guerrillas to set up a Communist republic ended in "complete failure". Major General Charles Boucher, GOC Malaya, told Reuters in Kuala Lumpur today.

They had planned, he said, to raise their flag in the remote jungle town of Gua Musang, in Kelantan State, but the town was retaken from them two weeks ago and now they had lost their main base of operations in the nearby village of Fula.

**Another Week**  
General Boucher said it would take another week or 10 days to drive the insurgents from the other districts around Gua Musang, where they were today still opposing British forces with cross-fire from limestone caves.

The guerrilla tactics were to snipe at the British columns from caves or behind boulders, never putting more than 40 or 50 men into action at any one time. It took three days to occupy Fula, but these were only two Gurkha killed and two wounded, the General said.

Spitfires took part in a major operation in South Perak for more than two hours this morning, a Royal Air Force communiqué said.

Thirty-nine people, suspected of violence have been arrested in Malaya in the past 24 hours.

Authoritative sources in Kuala Lumpur said Colonel H.N. Gray, former Inspector-General of the Singapore Police, has been appointed to the post of Director of the Singapore Police.

**Identify Cards**  
Kuala Lumpur, Aug. 7. Acting High Commissioner Sir Eric Newbould, in a broadcast, announced that registration identify cards containing photographs and fingerprints would begin soon. Everyone in the Malayan Federation would be required eventually to carry them but, at first, they would be applicable to the danger areas.

Sir Eric said that the Malayan situation was still serious with the enemy reported in strength in at least three states—lower Perak, Selangor and central Pahang. He announced that another 50 police officers had been recruited (presumably in the United Kingdom) from the ranks of the former Palestine police force.

The Acting High Commissioner appointed 100 Chinese to the side of the government in the struggle against the Communist insurgents.

## Guilty Of Night Prowling

Given an excellent character by Private Ridgeway, Tang Sun-por, aged 18, described as an "officer's boy", was bound over in the sum of \$1,000 for a year by Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday.

He was taking that step, said the magistrate, because of want of Private Ridgeway had told the court and because of the unduly taking that the youth would be sent back to his mother at Singapore.

Mr. Wicks also requested Lieutenant-Colonel Quinton of the Australian War Crimes team to make arrangements for the accused's early repatriation as "we want the boy out of the Colony as soon as possible."

Tang, charged with being found in the room of Lt-Col. Quinton at 5 a.m. on August 6 with intent to commit a larceny, was found guilty of what the magistrate described as night prowling.

**Empty Bed**  
Sub-Inspector J. H. Evans said that about 5 a.m. on August 6, when Lt-Col. Quinton woke up he found a Chinese, dressed in Hawaiian shirt, in his room at 165 Argyle Street. He shouted out and the man ran away.

Complainant went downstairs and in the servants' quarters was told by his "boy" that defendant's bed was empty at the material time and that accused was seen hurrying back to bed at the same time that the "boy" heard complainant shouting.

Private Ridgeway, after accused had been convicted, informed the Court that he had known defendant for two years and have always found him to be absolutely honest. As he brought Tang up from Singapore he asked the court not to send the boy to jail or to the Reformatory but to give him a chance to send the lad back to the mother at Singapore.

## Palmed Child's Earrings

Six months' hard labour was imposed on Ng Hoi, aged 18, at Central yesterday for tricking 12-year-old So Yuk-chun to part with her earrings.

Inspector Brownrigg said that defendant met complainant on June 30 and asked her if her earrings were gold.

Complainant said her mother had bought them for her and that they were gold.

Ng told her to be careful as she was passing through Wan-chai, as there had been many snatchings. He persuaded her to take out her earrings and let him wrap them up in paper.

He seemed to wrap them up but when the girl arrived home and opened the parcel the earrings were missing.

She met defendant on August 6 at Wan-chai Road and asked about her earrings. Defendant told her that he had sold them and defendant arrested. He admitted having palmed the earrings and selling them the next day.

## COULD HAVE BEEN 14 YEARS

After pointing out to accused that the charge of embezzlement carries with it a maximum penalty of 14 years' penal servitude, Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday sentenced Tang Pui-lam, ship fitter, to a year's hard labour.

Accused, said Detective Sub-Inspector E. G. Baker, was employed at the Sling Kee Laundry, 401, Woosung Street, first floor, and was sent to deliver 20 tins of paint to a shop in Hong Kong on August 21.

He collected \$775.55 for the goods but failed to return to the shop. A report of his disappearance was made by the shop's manager, Mr. Tung, and accused was arrested by Detective Corporal 303 at Johnston Road on Friday night.

The \$775.55 found on defendant at the time of his arrest was ordered to be returned to the complainant.

**DRIVER CAUTIONED**  
Pleading not guilty to a charge of driving a motor car No. 1000 and overloading a moving vehicle in Stanley Road near Ho King Garden on June 27, 1948, a driver was cautioned by Mr. J. F. d'Almeida at Central yesterday.

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# FIVE FOR TRIAL ON KING'S DEATH

## "Unsavory Past" of Communist

Honolulu, August 7. Defence Attorney Richard Gladstein today attacked what he termed the "unsavory past" of former Communist editor Louis F. Budenz in cross-examination in an attempt to discredit him as key witness in hearing of Communist charges against two Honolulu school teachers.

Budenz, former editor of the Communist Daily Worker, yesterday outlined the operations of the Communists in the United States. Mr. Gladstein then attacked the personal life of the former Communist who, two years ago, bolted from the party after a decade membership. He hurled charges of adultery, bigamy, and wife desertion at Budenz who gripped the ears of the witness chair and shouted, "Communist lies!" at the San Francisco lawyer.

Chairman Edward Sylva, who heads the school commission hearing the charges against Dr. John Reinecke and his Japanese wife, Aida, ordered Mr. Gladstein to end his personal attack on Budenz.

Budenz told the school board that the Communist party acts as the Russian fifth column in America. He said many individual party members were engaged in anti-American underground activity and that the entire American Communist Party takes orders direct from Moscow.

He said the Communists in America would side with Russia in the event of war between the United States and the Soviet Union.

The Reinecke hearing follows many months of court action in which the two teachers attempted to prevent by court injunction hearing of Communist charges against them.

The couple was suspended last November by the school's authorities who charged they were active members of the Communist Party and working against the ideals of Democracy. — United Press.

## Sequel To Czech Sokol

Prague, August 7.

Several hundred policemen, including about 100 officers, have been punished for their failure to check anti-Government demonstrations during last month's Sokol Festival here, reliable sources said today.

The men were accused of either failing to intervene to stop the demonstrators or failing to intervene with sufficient vigour. Disciplinary measures were believed to have included fines, reduction of privileges and losses of seniority.

During the Sokol Festival, about one-tenth of the 100,000 Sokols in Prague chanted slogans invoking the name of Benes and Mierzyk display United States and British flags, and showed their disapproval of the regime by silence as they passed the Presidential tribune.

Two hundred to 300 civilians are known to have been detained by the police during the festivities and punished under the summary powers the police possess here. The most common punishment was a fortnight's imprisonment.

Prague commissions are at present busy throughout the country weeding out the Sokol leaders held responsible for the demonstration. — Reuter.

## Ordance Explosion

Pueblo (Colorado), August 7.

A series of explosions rocked the Pueblo Ordnance Depot early today with flames visible more than 20 miles away.

A reliable source said there were no casualties. It is believed the blast occurred in a remote area of the large restricted depot where artillery shells of different sizes are stored. The area has been sealed off and ordnance experts are waiting for the explosions to subside and the fire to get itself out.

The Pueblo Ordnance Depot is one of the largest in the world where huge stores of live ammunition are stored. — United Press.

Bangkok, August 7. Five prominent Siamese political personalities have been ordered placed on trial in connection with the death of King Ananda Mahidol who was found shot in his bedroom on June 9, the Government announced today.

The announcement said the Public Prosecutor has been ordered to begin criminal prosecution against the five on charges of an "act of violence against the King and making false evidence to conceal the crime."

Three of the five, who have been held since the last November coup when the Government of Premier Luang Thiamrong Nawasawat was overthrown, will be placed on trial immediately. They are Chulalongkornrajavidyalaya, private secretary of the late King, and two Royal attendants, Nai Chit and Nai But.

In the inquiry held shortly after the King was found dead Nai Chit said he was the first to reach the King's side after the shot was heard.

The announcement said the two others wanted for trial are now fugitives—Pridi Banomyong, senior statesman and Premier at the time of the King's death, and his aide, naval Lieutenant Vajirachai Chaisitsawat. The two fugitives are reported to have taken refuge in Macao.

## PREPARING COALITION GOVERNMENT

(Continued from Page 1)

The three soldiers discarded their personal grievances in 1937 to join hands with Chiang Kai-shek in the war against the Japanese.

In 1944, Marshal Li again broke with Chiang and formed a People's Army after Kwangtung, wartime capital of Kwangsi, was occupied by the Japanese.

He was later arrested and detained at Nanking until 1946 when he was released and allowed to leave for Hong Kong.

## Chiang's Measures

Shanghai, August 7. Chiang Kai-shek's Government is stepping up measures for economic stabilisation in a political offensive against the Communists and their fellow travellers.

It is an all-out fight to win support of the Chinese masses, political observers agreed today. The important week-end conference in Nanking, in which two ex-Premiers will participate in discussing the "Mokanshan economic programme" and measures for the implementation of new economic and financial steps, was reported to be aimed at fundamental overall cure instead of make shift controls.

Former Premier Chang Chun is in Nanking for the conference and T. V. Soong, Governor of Kwangtung, is leaving for Nanking from Shanghai today.

Chiang and Premier Wang Wen-hao are planning another decisive offensive on economic life with the United States aid fund as reinforcement and hope to improve the lot of the Chinese masses to such an extent as to defeat the communist political and military campaigns against the Government.

Political observers see a revitalised anti-Kuomintang leftist effort to step up a political offensive against Chiang before his administration could succeed in achieving economic stability.

## Marshal Li's Statement

Marshal Li Chai-sun, who is head of the Kuomintang Revolutionary Committee in Hong Kong, told the United Press that anti-Government elements in Hong Kong are discussing the time, place, and the agenda of the political consultative conference which will lay the ground work for a coalition government of China.

Li's statement followed the Chinese Communist chief Mao Tse-tung's reply to the Hong Kong leftist appeal that the Ho's sponsor a meeting with a view to establishing a new government.

Li said it is still too early to give specific information, but the agenda will include foreign policy, financial and political make-up of the proposed government.

Asked to comment about the reported return of the Christian General, Feng Yu-hsiang, from San Francisco to China, Marshal Li said he had not heard the news, but if it is true Feng will probably live in Hong Kong since he dare not return to China.

Li confidently predicted that Chiang Kai-shek would be overthrown "within a few months."

## Official Silence

Chinese Government circles, while known to be paying close attention to these developments, especially the "link" between Li Chai-sun and Mao Tse-tung, remained silent.



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# HOW MANY RED BAYONETS?

Intelligence Report From  
Berlin

BY BRIAN CONNELL

The great imponderable in the present inter-Allied crisis is the strength and disposition of the Russian Army in the Eastern zone of Germany.

Guesses at anything between 200,000 and 100,000 men are current, but the best Intelligence information available indicates that the Russian dispositions number about 350,000 troops. These are divided into about 30 divisions of varying strength.

About eight of these are armoured divisions with good modern equipment and about 12,000 men in each.

In addition there are five crack motorised Infantry divisions also about 12,000 men, including the Guards Divisions equipped with anti-tank weapons and the best available armaments.

## Soviet Marines

Five more Infantry divisions number up to 20,000 men each, and this total figure of 250,000 troops includes about 60,000 men of the Soviet Marine Corps.

The remaining 100,000 troops consist of some ten weak garrison divisions of inferior troops divided up in the Allied communication units.

There are also one or two artillery divisions training in Germany.

The main fighting force of these troops is scattered in Mecklenburg and Vorpommern, in the northern part of the Russian zone.

There are nine divisions stationed here, including a preponderance of armour, and they are divided into three army groups of three divisions each.

## Defence of Ports

The corps headquarters are at Greifswald, Schwerin, and Neubrandenburg, and two of them are num-

bered the 12th Corps and 59th Corps. Army headquarters are at Neubrandenburg.

This army would be the main striking force available to the Russians in Germany, and one of its first commitments, apart from offensive operations, would be to secure against any attack from the west the Pal north German plain area in which they are stationed.

Another main commitment is the defence of the German Baltic ports now in Russian hands. These ports are being developed to back up the large naval base which the Russians are building at Königsberg, now called Kaliningrad, in East Prussia.

It is known that the German Admiral Sauerbruch, who was one of the chief exponents of small-boat warfare in the German Navy, and who had radical differences of opinion with Admiral Raeder on this subject, is affording the Russian Navy the full weight of his technical advice.

## Battle Courses

There are two Russian Army training centres, one on the Havel, near the Baltic port of Rostock, where anything up to 20,000 men can carry out battle courses at the same time. The second is at the great ex-Wehrmacht training centre at Königsberg, near Dresden.

There is also an artillery school

between Stendal and Tangermünde, in the north-western part of the Russian zone.

The most intensive security measures ever adopted in a peace-time army around the Russian dispositions from prying eyes.

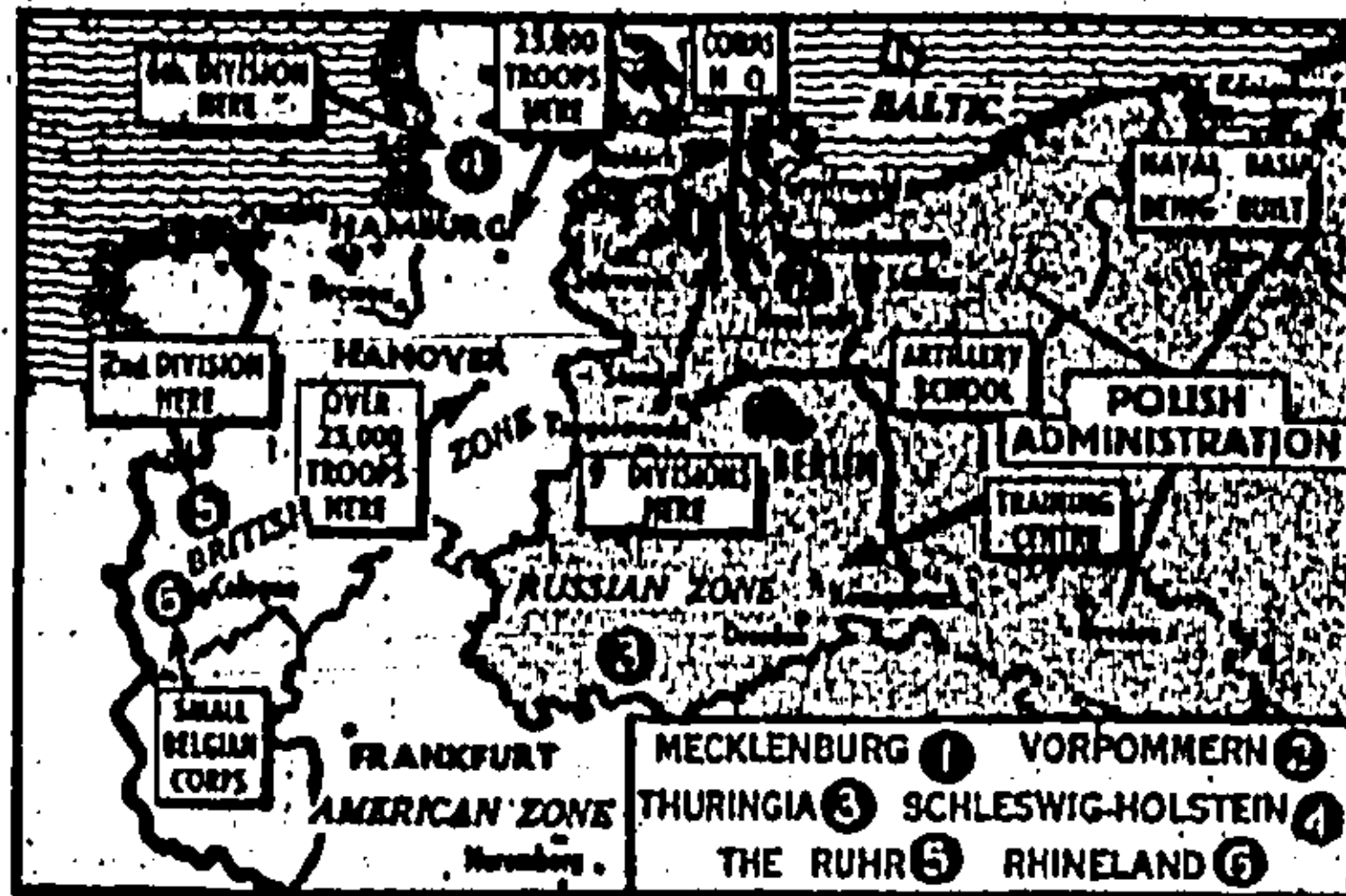
The troops are kept away from the civilian population and are stationed in sparsely populated areas (usually cordoned off). The

only Germans who have access are tested members of the Socialist Unity Party engaged in the requisitioning and supply of food and camp requirements from the German economy.

## Hard to Identify

In recent months the Russians have even removed all identification marks from their troops and vehicles.

They also carry out extensive movements of troops day and night by train, and a division from the northern part of the Russian zone is liable to turn up at short notice hundreds of miles away in Thuringia, thus rendering the identification of their units even more difficult.



News that Marshal Rokossovsky is at present in Berlin with the Russian Commander-in-Chief, Marshal Sokolovsky, has also aroused the interest of Allied intelligence authorities.

It is not considered likely that he will succeed Marshal Sokolovsky, who has done an outstanding job in his present political appointment, for which he has just received one of the highest Soviet orders as a reward.

The point of particular significance is that he is the commander of the army of the Western Russian Army based on Minsk and Interburg, which is the chief task force at the Russian Army's disposal should extensive operations be called for in Western Europe.

At the present time the Western Allied Army forces in Germany compare unfavourably with this concentration of troops.

The British have got the crack 6th Division, recently arrived from Palestine, numbering about 6,000 men, at Schleswig-Holstein.

## Allies' Troops

The Hamburg District Command numbers about 25,000 men of miscellaneous troops, and the Hanover district command numbers perhaps a few more.

The Second Division covers a large area in the industrial Ruhr, and the Danes and Norwegians have small bodies of troops in Germany undertaking occupation duties, while the Belgians have a small army corps in the Rhineland.

The total number of troops in the British zone is not thought to exceed 100,000, a large proportion of whom are young conscripts.

The fighting force available to the Americans in their zone consists almost exclusively of the constabulary, which numbers up to about 30,000, most of whom are recruited on a professional basis.

# HOW PREPARED IS BRITAIN?

How strong is Britain? How strong today, and how strong could she once again become?

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Armour Weakness

It is an open question as to whether the Ministry of Supply, cluttered up and overburdened as it is with the organisation of peace-time production, is capable of dealing with the problem of keeping our forces efficiently weaponed and munitioned.

Thus there are reports of armoured units presently immobilised because their machines lack vital parts of mechanism.

A return should be called for at once from all units showing what is their state of equipment, how many vehicles are off the road awaiting spare parts, and for how long they have been in this position. This could do no harm, and it would provide a needed spur and stimulus to the complacent.

## Factory Weakness

It might be profitable, too, to inquire whether instructions have been issued to our industries which produced war stores in the last conflict as to what is expected of them in the event of a new one.

If no direction has been given, then it is more than overdue, for it must be realised that a period of planning will be necessary before a single active step can be taken. Here again there is disturbing evidence that too little has been done.

## Trained Civilians

The risk exists and dare not be ignored. It is, therefore, imperative that immediate steps be taken to organise the ground defence of these islands against that threat.

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## Destroy or Invade?

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This course would prove expensive, it would take time, and might not succeed. And it contains the added disadvantage that productive capacity would be lost to both sides.

No. 2 course for the enemy would be to capture these islands and use them to his own advantage. In a word, invasion and occupation.

But how? By sea-borne assault? Surely even our weakened Navy could hold off such a venture. But suppose the attack is airborne? In Russia for example, is a large army of paratroopers. Added to these is a vast fleet of aircraft.

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## By FRANCIS BOYLE

he took on his difficult mission last November, he has shown himself cool, formidable, tactful, but quite incapable of being brow-beaten or intimidated. The Russians tried once, tried again, and then gave it up as a bad job. As a result of his qualities the British Government entrusted him with very considerable discretionary powers at a time and in a place where a word spoken out of turn might have meant a setback of years.

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When the travail was over Robertson became deputy Military Governor of the British Zone of Germany under Montgomery, and subsequently under Air Marshal Sir Sholto Douglas (now Lord Douglas). The Q. Officer found himself attending the Foreign Ministers conference in Moscow and representing Britain on the Allied Control Council.

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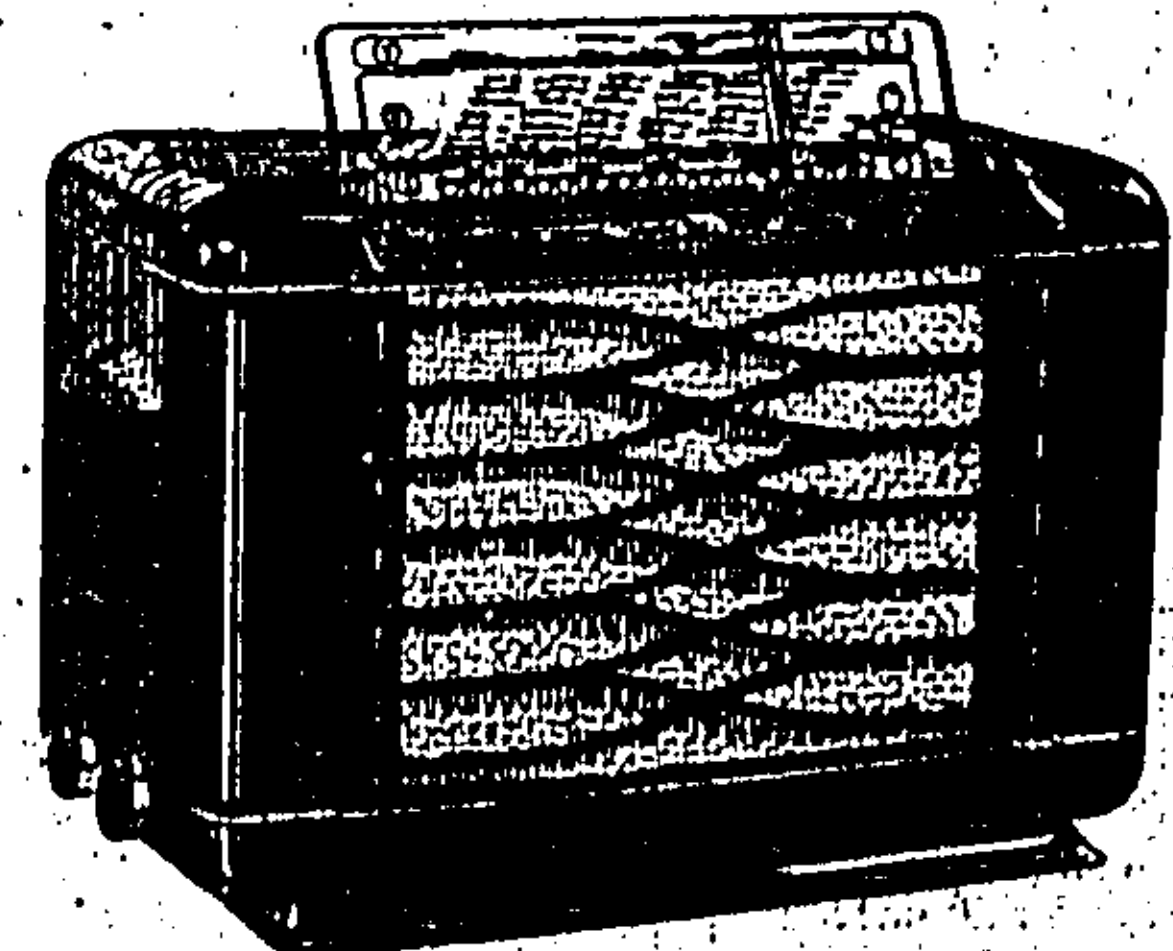
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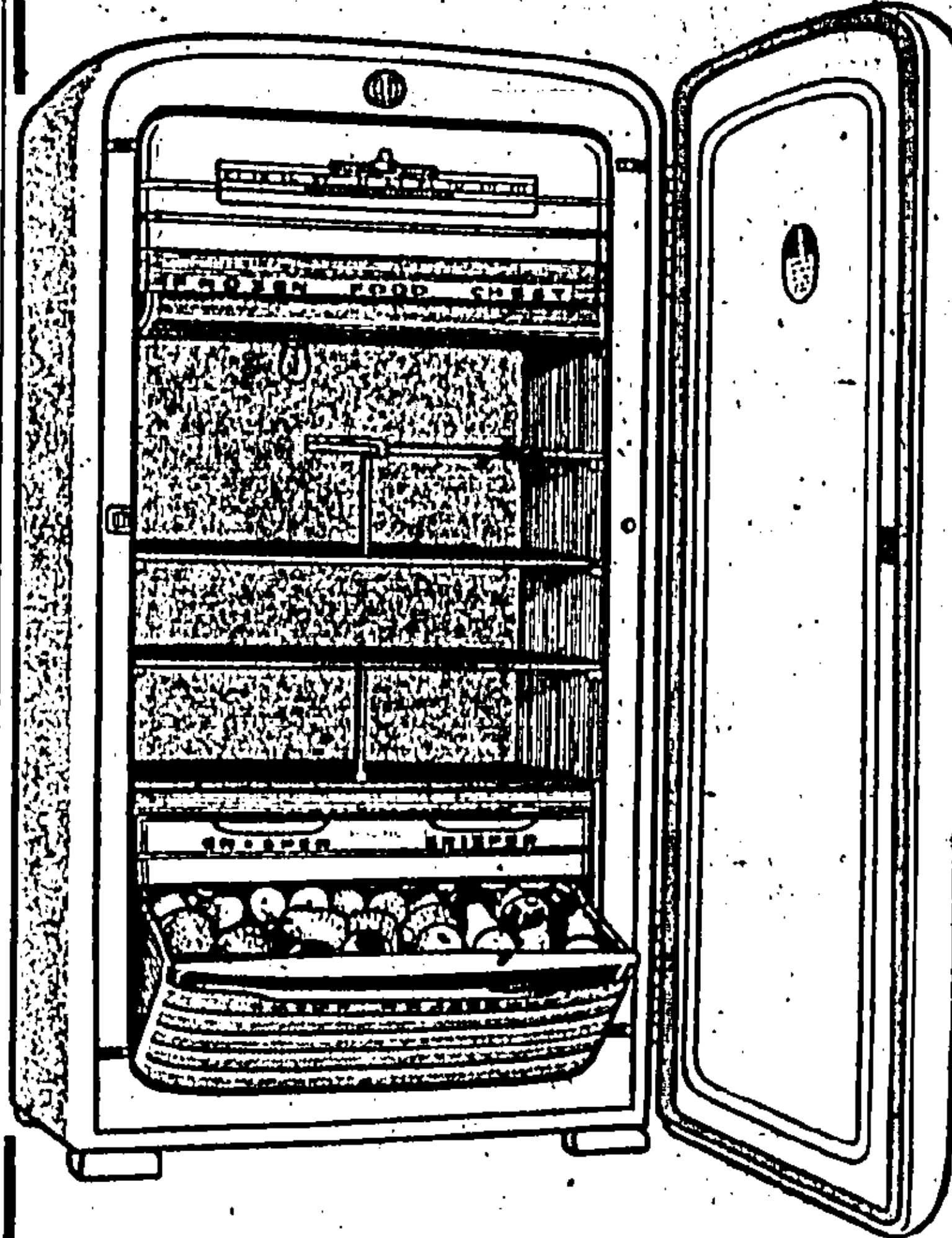
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## MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

## By Margaret Bradbury

"WUSUEH" FOR MACAO.

THE BIGGEST ship ever to call into the inner harbour at Macao was taken there a few days ago by Captain Percy Green, who was paying his first visit to the Portuguese Colony. The vessel was the ss. "Wusueh", and Capt. Green reports that the width of the channel from the pontoons to the opposite mud banks at Macao is 270 feet, while the "Wusueh" measures 295 feet in length and exceeds 3,000 tons. In honour of the occasion, the Governor of Macao and a number of officials boarded the ship and after inspecting her, held a champagne reception on board. A second test run was made into the inner harbour by the same vessel during the week and arrangements are now being made to put the "Wusueh" whose agents are Butterfield and Swire—on a permanent service between Hong Kong and Macao, and entering particularly for weekend round trippers. The "Wusueh" will then leave Hong Kong at noon on Saturday and return here at 8.30 on Sunday evening. Meals and accommodation will be available on board for passengers throughout the week-end at a total return cost of HK\$75. Capt. Green is in his 24th year of command with his present company. He has been sailing since the China Coast for nearly 20 years and has exact knowledge of all its navigable rivers.

IN WORLD WAR I he was a Naval Cadet on HMS Worcester and later went over to the Cunard Australian service until the end of hostilities when he joined Butterfield and Swire. Capt. Green is primarily responsible for the opening of Elliot Reach—a channel entrance to Canton which has not been used since 1840, when the Chinese authorities placed barricades of stones across it to prevent the entrance of British ships. Before the Japanese occupation of Hong Kong, Capt. Green took the ss. "Wuchang" to Canton carrying relief supplies and doctors, and the Japanese would not allow his ship to return for six and a half months. During that time he discovered that Elliot Reach, in spite of the two stone barriers, still had ten feet more water to spare than the Back Reach which requires continual dredging, and is now used by shipping going to and from Canton. Mr. Staudt, Harbour Master at Canton, was greatly interested in the Elliot Reach and did very valuable work there, but his efforts were turned down by the Pearl River Conservancy. However, Capt. Green persisted in his efforts, until he was able to bring the matter to the notice of Dr. T. V. Soong, who immediately ordered further dredging of the Back Reach to stop and the stone barriers to be removed from Elliot Reach. This will be completed very shortly. Not only will several thousands of dollars be saved annually on dredging, but coastal vessels will in future be able to enter Canton down this channel with full cargoes, confident of having a depth of water of 22 feet any day of the year. In the last few years, 12 feet has been the maximum under the most favourable conditions, through the Back Reach.

## NEWS FROM BOMBAY.

MR. G. J. ROCK, Manager of the United Press agency in India, Ceylon and Burma, passed through Hong Kong last week with his wife and two children on their way to America. For the past two and a half years they have lived in Bombay, which Mrs. Rock described as one of the most expensive cities in which to live today. During the four days they spent in Hong Kong, Mr. and Mrs. Rock went shopping and reported that in general, goods on the local market seemed to them to be cheap.

For instance, they pointed out that in Bombay a bottle of beer costs US\$1, Canadian whisky is priced US\$12, and Scotch whisky US\$21. Luxury goods range up to prices five times those in Hong Kong and food-stuff costs and house-rents are far higher. The Home Minister for Bombay, Province + Morarji Desai, is intent upon introducing strict austerity measures in the city, said Mr. Rock. Following statement Desai made after his appointment to office last year—'A good nation must be a healthy one and people cannot be healthy if they drink, gamble and dance'—he is enforcing strict conditions of living in the city. All films are censored and any picture of a murder story in which the policeman does not personally catch the killer, is banned.

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Also banned are films including 'passion' scenes, bathing or undressing shots. The film at present showing in the cinema 'Bepi' is among those banned from Bombay cinemas. The Home Minister has also announced his intention of shortly eliminating horse-drawn

card gaming, and dancing after 10 p.m. He will also introduce prohibition to the Province, which however, will not come into effect until 1950. Discussing the food situation in Hong Kong and Bombay, Mr. Rock said that all vegetables bought from reputable shops have first to be soaked in potassium permanganate as a safety precaution against germs before they are boiled. Cholera and dysentery, she added, are two prevalent diseases in the city.

## VISITOR FROM JAPAN

BACK in the Colony after seven months in Japan is Mrs. "Tug" Wilson, formerly Miss Gwen Morris, who is visiting her father, Mr. R. P. Morris of Telecommunications. She will remain here until the end of September before rejoining her husband who is Reuter's press correspondent in Japan. Mrs. Wilson is expecting a baby in January. The couple live in the Tokyo Press Club which houses 25 other correspondents, and spend their work-days exploring the surrounding villages and small towns. Some of the Japanese villages, says Gwen, very much resemble villages in England, as they have cobbled streets and thatched roof cottages. She added that the Japanese are very house-proud and many of them have carefully tended gardens and fruit trees grow at the front and rear of their homes. Mrs. Wilson likes Tokyo and is impressed with the industrious attitude of the Japanese, but commented that they do not make as good office workers as the Chinese. Tokyo, she said, is a far cleaner city than Hong Kong, and there are many beautiful marble buildings, twice the size of the Gloucester Hotel. During the recent earthquake at Fukui, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were in Tokyo—400 miles away. The effect on the city was a series of tremors lasting for about five minutes, but no damage was done. Mrs. Wilson has picked up a little colloquial Japanese which she says is easier to learn than Cantonese. At least, she says, the Japanese have an alphabet.

## SHIPPING EXECUTIVE

AT present in Hong Kong are Mr. and Mrs. John R. Wagner, Vice President of the Pacific Far East Line. Inc. Mr. Wagner is carrying out a tour of inspection of the Company's offices in Tokyo, Yokohama, Shanghai, Manila and Hong Kong. Mr. Wagner was formed just over two years ago and runs three main services



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to this part of the world from the Pacific Coast. The ships sail fortnightly to the Philippines, to Japan, North China and Hong Kong, and to Guam. The ships based are of the full, scuttling type of C-2 general cargo vessel with accommodation on each for 12 passengers.

Mr. Wagner has been in the shipping business since 1920. He began his career in 1924 when he went to work handling small ships for the Pacific Commercial Export and Import Company in the Philippines. Two years later



Mr. and Mrs. Wilson photographed while on a picnic at Sagami-Ko, a bay 50 miles from Tokyo, where during the war British prisoners of war were forced to begin building a dam. Japanese labourers are now finishing it.

he joined the Dollar Line and remained with it when the firm was taken over by President Lines in 1928. During the war he was loaned to the Army at Fort Mason and was "demobbed" with the rank of Lieut. Colonel. Mr. Wagner comes from an old U.S. Army family. His father retired in 1932 after 30 years' service, and was called back in 1942. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wagner were guests of honour at a large cocktail party held in the "Grippers" on Friday evening. Over 1,000 people were present, and the hosts were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Harper, who incidentally celebrated their 11th wedding anniversary yesterday. Mr. Harper is the Hong Kong representative for the Pacific Far East Line. The cocktail party on Friday was a thoroughly enjoyable occasion, and guests were heard to comment on the lavish buffet and refreshment arrangements.

## BY THE WAY.

MR. and Mrs. Roy Turner and their two children arrived in Hong Kong on the ss. "Canton" on Wednesday night at present staying in the Gloucester Hotel. Mr. Turner, who spent 12 years

in the Palestine Police Force, has been transferred here and will shortly take up duties in the Immigration Section of the Special Branch. As Deputy Superintendent in charge of C.I.D. in Jerusalem, he has for the last two years been dealing with terrorism, political and crime investigation. Previously, he worked in all branches of the Police Force. Mr. Turner left Palestine at the beginning of April, and was sent to England under the evacuation scheme. Mrs. Turner and their young daughters, Jean and Caroline, were evacuated in February, 1947 under "Operation Polly", which was the term given to the scheme of removing British women and children other than those employed on essential

TWO largely attended, cocktail parties were held during the week, marking occasions of special public interest. On Sunday last, Mr. Aw Boon Haw invited guests to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Shin Tin Newspaper, of which he is Governing Director. The cocktail party was held in the newspaper building in Wanchai Road. On Monday, local socialites went on board the cruiser "Chungking" (previously HMS "Aurora") anchored in the Harbour, and were greeted by Commodore Yang Yuan-Chung and the captains and officers of the "Chungking" and "Linghu". Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Kwok also officiated as hosts, and Sir Alexander and Lady Grantham attended. Guests mingled on the quarter deck of the ship which had been tastefully decorated for the occasion.

MRS. W. H. Latimer, Principal of the Chatham English School, and Mr. Latimer, Kowloon magistrate, are leaving Hong Kong next Sunday on the "Seng-tien" for a three weeks' round holiday trip to Japan. Both will be paying their first visit, and expect to disembark at Kobe and Yokohama. At present staying with Mr. and Mrs. Latimer are Commander and Mrs. Ryder who are on their way to South Africa. Mr. Ryder was former British Consul in Formosa.

MR. and Mrs. E. H. Elston, who are leaving the Colony on retirement, were guests of honour at a cocktail party given by the Commissioner of Police and Mrs. Wintush on Wednesday. Among those present were the Colonial Secretary, Mr. D. M. MacDonnell and senior police officers and their wives. A toast was drunk to the future happiness of Mr. Elston—who has spent 30 years' service in the Police Force, and to Mr. Elston—who was born in Hong Kong.

## WHAT THE CHINESE PRESS IS SAYING

Kung Sheung Yat Po: Controlled hotel rates, enforced on August 1 were abruptly suspended following opposition by hotel owners who contended the rates were too low. Although in principle, the fixing of hotel rates by the Government is laudable, the charges should nevertheless be reasonably enough not to cause an adverse effect on hotel business.

Immediately after the Government rates were published, there was a rush for de-commodation at hotels and boarding houses. Bona fide hotel patrons were in many instances unable to find accommodation on their arrival in the Colony from abroad.

The housing shortage is the main cause for bringing hotels and boarding houses under the Government control system of the Government. If the Government can solve the latter would not constitute a problem.

As far as we can see, the only effective way of dealing with the problem of accommodation is to build more houses, and accelerate repairs to damaged houses. Building projects have been considerably handicapped by shortage of materials, and the high cost of labour and only profitable investment will encourage the repairing of damaged houses.

The fundamental solution lies in leadership and encouragement on the part of Government. The Hong Kong Government should follow the lead of other countries by building houses on Crown land for letting out to Government employees, and the general public at reasonable rentals. This is the only way to solve the housing problem. Any law should be offered for sale at low prices. The high bids received at public auctions aggravates rather than help to solve the housing problem. The vast sum of this capital in Hong Kong can easily be directed towards building projects provided there is proper Government control from Government. Control of hotel rates solves only one aspect of the problem.

The basic solution lies in Government undertaking the construction of houses.

New Life Evening News: Control of hotel rates can only command general support from the public when similar control is exercised over all houses.

In our opinion the rates arrived at by the Quinquennial Authority are fair. Drastic cuts from \$25 a day for a room to \$5.70 clearly show the immense profits owners of hotels have been reaping at the expense of the public. There has been some talk of a strike by hotel management if government persists in enforcing the rates fixed by the Quinquennial Authority. In such an event, Government can resort to measures under the Defence Act of 1940 and requisition the hotels.

Meanwhile, we urge the Government to extend control over the rents of houses in Hong Kong.

Mr. Kung Pao: The comparatively stable conditions in Hong Kong are mainly due to the Government's control price system. Therefore, in principle, the enforcement of such a system is supported.

Travelers to Hong Kong are considerably inconvenienced by the lack of a standard scale of hotel charges. People prefer to live in hotels because they need not pay "key money". The biggest problem affecting the livelihood of Hong Kong citizens is the housing shortage. And it is this problem that the authorities concerned are obliged to solve first. High prices of land put rents up accordingly. Property owners, naturally, would not miss exploiting opportunities for making big profits. The large number of vacant flats in new buildings remain unoccupied because of the exorbitant rentals demanded by the owners. Having paid high prices for land, owners from a business point of view must obtain a fair return from their investments. Government is more than any other body qualified to solve the housing problem. There are many building sites in Hong

Kong which Government can undertake to develop.

As Hong Kong is under a depression threat, a large scale building project will help considerably in warding off the threat and at the same time absorb some of the unemployed. The suggestion should be seriously considered by the Government.

Kung Sheung Yat Po: Mr. K. W. Blackmore, Director of Information Services, has said that the main object of his office is to cultivate mutual understanding between Hong Kong and Britain and the rest of the world. In the past it has been the policy of imperialists to make a sharp distinction between the ruling class and the natives. The former, with whip in hand, always kept aloof and regarded themselves as semi-gods. Past relations between Britain and China, Holland and the East Indies, and Japan and Korea and Formosa are typical examples of this policy.

After the end of the war, British made efforts to rectify some of her past mistakes. In Hong Kong for instance, the law restricting Chinese from residing on the Peak has been abolished and the people have been promised a system of self-government—a municipal council.

It has also been reported that the recent social reforms introduced in Britain will fully embrace the British Commonwealth of Nations. These measures have our fullest support.

The despatch of Mr. Blackmore to the Colonies is a wise step in preventing the people from being misled by propaganda. However, relations with the Colonies can be vastly improved through deeper understanding of public opinion everywhere. This enabled British Government to follow the principle trend of international politics. Political measures adopted in governing the people of Hong Kong have considerably improved since the end of the war. Hong Kong, however, should take a step forward to keep pace with progress in England.



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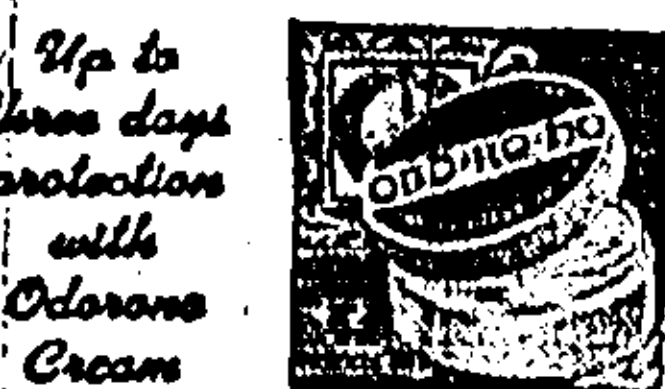
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## SHIPPING LINES ACCUSED OF CONSPIRING TO MONOPOLISE CARRYING TRADE TO FAR EAST

Washington, August 6. The United States Government today accused 25 shipping lines of conspiring to monopolise direct cargo carrying trade from Atlantic and Gulf Coast to Far Eastern ports.

The Attorney-General, Mr. Tom Clark, announced the filing of a civil action against the lines, which are all members of what is known as the "Far East Conference."

### HOARDED GOODS TO BE SOLD

Shanghai, August 7. Large quantities of newsprint now hoarded in godowns will be confiscated and resold to newspaper - short Shanghai newspapers and dealers, the City Government announced.

The Government declined to disclose the amount of newsprint found in godowns during a city-wide check. It said, however, that newsprint along with cotton headed, the host of hoarded commodities.

Because of the newsprint shortage Shanghai newspapers have been restricted in the number of pages they can publish. The Government said that practically all of the hoarded newsprint is not owned by persons or firms engaged in the paper trade, printing or publishing business. Associated Press.

Ports in Japan, Korea, Formosa, Siberia, Manchuria, China, Indo-China and the Philippines were mentioned.

Nineteen of the shipping lines are foreign and six American. The Attorney-General said: "The Government charges that the defendants have required the lines of Conference members exclusively under pain of penalties calculated to deter the shippers from patronising any steamship line not operated by a member of the Conference; that, by means of such contracts, the defendants have secured control of virtually all the commercial cargoes transported in the trade involved and are excluding competition from such trade."

British Lines The Philippine lines named as defendants are the De La Rama Steamship Company, the Nederlandsche Stoomvaart Maatschappij "Ocean" V.V., M.V. Nonsuco and the Swedish East Asiatic Company.

Among the British lines are the China Mutual Steam Navigation Company, Ellerman and Bucknall Steamship Company, the Lancashire Shipping Company, the Ocean Steamship Company, the Prince Line and the Silver Line.—Reuter.

### Families To Leave Berlin

Berlin, August 6. French authorities in Berlin announced today they are evacuating from Berlin "as many French families as possible" because of supply difficulties caused by the Soviet blockade.

The official statement, however, denied reports that French occupation troops or Military Government officials are also being withdrawn.

"No member of the French garrison has left his post," the statement said. "The strength of the Berlin garrison remains the same as it was a year ago."—Associated Press.

### RED HAND IN INDO-CHINA

Paris, August 6. The Russian move to have Dr. Ho Chi Minh's Viet Minh Government represented at Geneva in the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East was greeted coldly today by the influential Paris Conservative evening paper, Le Monde.

"It is significant," Le Monde said, "that the letter addressed by the Ho Chi Minh Government to the Chairman of the Commission should be transmitted by the Soviet delegation. Could it not have been sent directly?" Le Monde considered the whole political issue of Indo-China was involved and that this could not simply be discussed by the Economic Commission.—Reuter.

## FAR EAST GOVERNORS CONFER ON COMMUNISM

Singapore, August 6. Governors of five British possessions in South East Asia assembled here tonight for tomorrow's defence conference which will cover problems of the guerrilla fighting in China and Malaya.

Sir Alexander Grantham, Governor of Hong Kong, who arrived today, will lay stress

on the growing Communist guerrilla activity in South China which, it is believed, may threaten the island colony.

The Hong Kong garrison has just contributed the 1st Battalion Infantry to reinforce the British forces fighting the insurgents in Malaya.

Six Alexander Newbould, acting High Commissioner of the Malayan Federation arrived from Kuala Lumpur today and is staying with Sir Franklyn Gimson, Governor of Singapore.

The Governor of Sarawak, Sir Charles Arden Clarke, and the Officer Administering the Government of North Borneo, Mr. James Calder, are also here.

The Governors will meet tomorrow at Bukit Serene, the Johore Bahru residence of Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, the Commissioner General of South East Asia.

A combined force of troops and police began an operation against insurgents in the Barau Arang confined area of Malaya today but failed to contact the guerrillas, a police spokesman said.

He described the raid as smaller than last week's when 24 guerrillas were reported killed in the area.—Reuter.

### ROYAL FAMILY AT BALMORAL

Balmoral, August 6. Medieval and modern pageantry mingled as King George, Queen Elizabeth and the two Princesses arrived at Balmoral today for a holiday.

The King was in traditional Highland dress and inspected a detachment of his own Scottish guard. Overhead flew a helicopter bringing the morning mail for the Royal Family. It will shuttle from Dyce airport daily while the Royal Family remains at Balmoral Castle.

Princess Elizabeth was bright in a line green New Look dress. Princess Margaret greeted Scottish friends with a joke. "I hope there's no more measles about," she said, recalling that she had a bout with measles when she visited Balmoral last May.—Associated Press.

### Officer Served As Mess-Boy

Sydney, August 6. A former Lieutenant-Commander in the Royal Indian Naval Reserve has arrived in Fremantle from Madras as mess-boy on the Norwegian steamer Kronviken, on which his fiancée was a stowaway.

The couple, who want to keep their names secret because their families do not know of their adventure, said that they could see no other way to get to Australia quickly.

The man, who was born in Iraq and is a naturalised British subject, left his berth as master of a 6,000-ton Indian merchantman in Madras to sign on as mess-boy.

He commanded an Indian frigate during the war.

His fiancée was born in England and went to India seven years ago. She hid herself in the ship's hospital until they were well out to sea, then came into the open and helped her fiancée in the galley.—Reuter.

### CHINESE AIRLINES PROTEST

Shanghai, August 7. Chinese airlines have protested to the Civil Aviation Administration against the flying of the Civil Air Transport, of which General Claire Chennault is Director, on the Shanghai-Amoy route.

The CAT use of this route, according to an announcement by the China National Aviation Corporation, is believed to have violated a CAT agreement with the Chinese Government.

The protest arose over a Central News despatch from Amoy that a CAT machine was reported to have been detained by the Customs in the Fukien port for carrying a large quantity of Chinese national currency banknotes.

The CAT plane, the report added, was chartered by 30 Chinese merchants from Shanghai, all of whom were aboard.—Reuter.

### FLED FROM ESTONIA

St. John's, Newfoundland, August 6. A group of 20 Estonians who fled from their Soviet-dominated homeland in a small boat, were reported to be leaving here for Montreal on Saturday.

The Estonians landed at St. John's last week-end in a motor fishing boat. They fled from Russia to Sweden and then to St. John's.

Halifax immigration officials said, however, that the Estonian refugees may not be admitted to Canada because they were coming without authorisation.—United Press.

## ATOMIC SHIPMENTS TO RUSSIA ALLEGED

Washington, August 6. More charges of atomic shipments to Russia were made in Congress as the Communist spy hunt marked time, pending the unveiling of a mystery witness being questioned secretly by House investigators.

The Senate Committee suspended public hearings indefinitely, charging that President Truman had blocked the inquiry by refusal to surrender loyalty reports on certain Government employees.

Meanwhile, a House Un-American Activities Committee member, Representative John McDowell, who yesterday had charged that 1,300 pounds of uranium compounds and a large quantity of heavy water were delivered to Russia in 1943, told the House today that another 1,420 pounds were flown there in March 1943 and 1,000 pounds on an unspecified date.

In addition, he said, 25 pounds of scarce uranium metal were flown secretly to the Soviet Union as late as 1945, shortly before the first atomic bomb wiped out Hiroshima.

Unofficial estimates of the amount of U-235 needed for the atomic bomb vary from 20 to 80 pounds.

### Friend Of Wallace

Mr. McDowell said the materials were sent to "appease" the Soviet Union and under such great secrecy that not even the American intelligence knew what was going on.

A special secret sub-committee questioned the unnamed mystery witness somewhere away from Washington.

The Washington Times Herald said that the mystery witness was found by the committee investigating in Paris. It said that he arranged a shipment of 300 lb. of uranium to Russia at a time when this country was developing the atomic bomb.

The newspaper described the witness as a personal friend of Mr. Henry Wallace.

Senator Homer Ferguson, chairman of the Senate Committee, announced that the Committee is suspending its public hearings.

### Truman Refusal

Ferguson said the action was taken because President Truman had refused to give it necessary facts.

This was a reference to the Committee's failure to obtain information from members of the executive who technically are the President's personal assistants.

Specifically, Ferguson said that the Attorney General, Mr. Tom Clark, has refused to give the Committee the Official Federal Bureau of Investigation records on William W. Remington, a suspended official of the Commerce Department.

The Committee will continue to seek the facts on Remington and on the entire Government "loyalty" programme "by any legal means," Ferguson said.

"Congress appropriated U.S.\$11,000,000 to this loyalty programme and Congress is determined to find out how it is working," he added.—United Press and Associated Press.

### CHIANG SALARIES MANDATE

Nanking, August 7. President Chiang Kai-shek last night issued a mandate confirming salaries, based on a new scale, for members of the Legislative and Control Yuan as voted at a recent session of the Legislative Yuan.

The mandate caused a flurry among National Assembly delegates, who were paid as members of the Bandit Suppression and National Reconstruction Commission.

Assembly delegates had threatened to call their convention for next January to take counter-action after the Legislative Yuan had voted the Commission out of the national budget.

It is understood that through mediatory efforts of Kuomintang officials, the Commission, with a total membership of more than 4,000, will be allowed to remain. It is not known under what arrangements it will get its appropriations.—Reuter-AAP.

### ISRAEL CLAIM CHALLENGED

Lake Success, August 6. Britain today challenged Israel's claim that she is legally entitled to try five Britons for alleged espionage.

Britain's position was stated in a letter to the Security Council answering two letters sent to the Council by Israel.

The five men were illegally arrested and "wrongfully abducted," Britain said.

The letter also took issue with the Israeli statement that the five were not seized while aiding the protection of the United Nations Truce Commission in Jerusalem.—Associated Press.

### SUPERFORTRESS RECORD

For Riley, Kansas, August 6. A volunteer crew today set a new non-stop record for a Superfortress when it flew 5,120 miles from Fort Worth, Texas, to Berlin, Germany.

The pilot, Capt. Walter "Ab" Holt, seeking to reach Berlin, Kansas, base set down on Marshall base here 30 miles from his goal with all gas gauges showing empty. Two other planes which took off at the same time for Berlin landed at Detroit, Minneapolis.—United Press.



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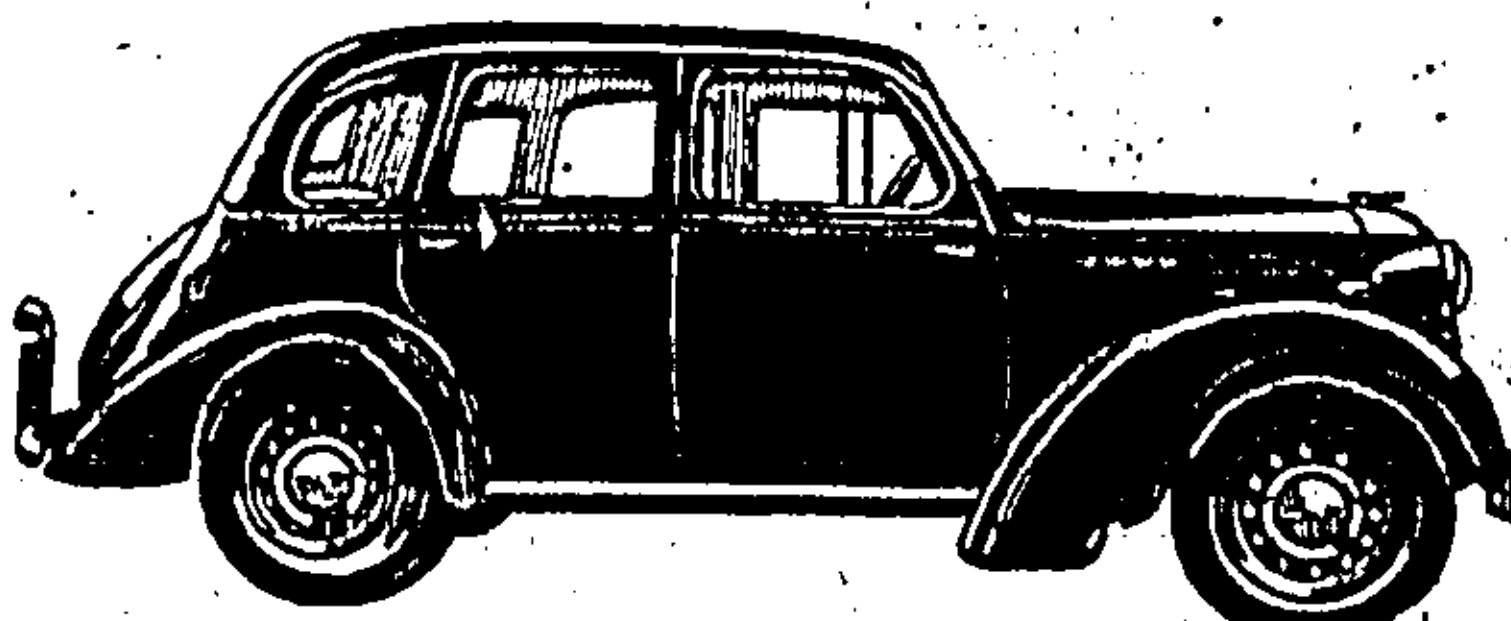
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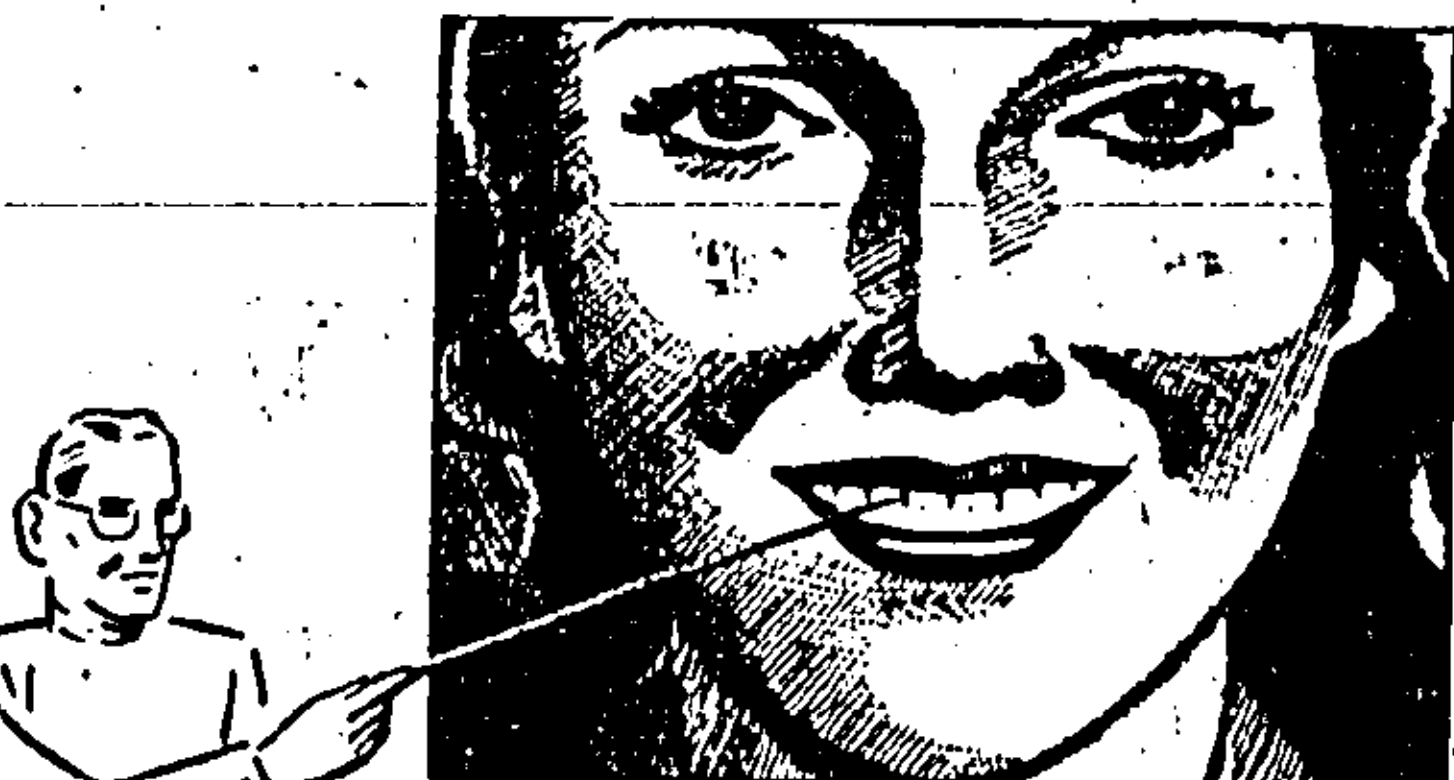


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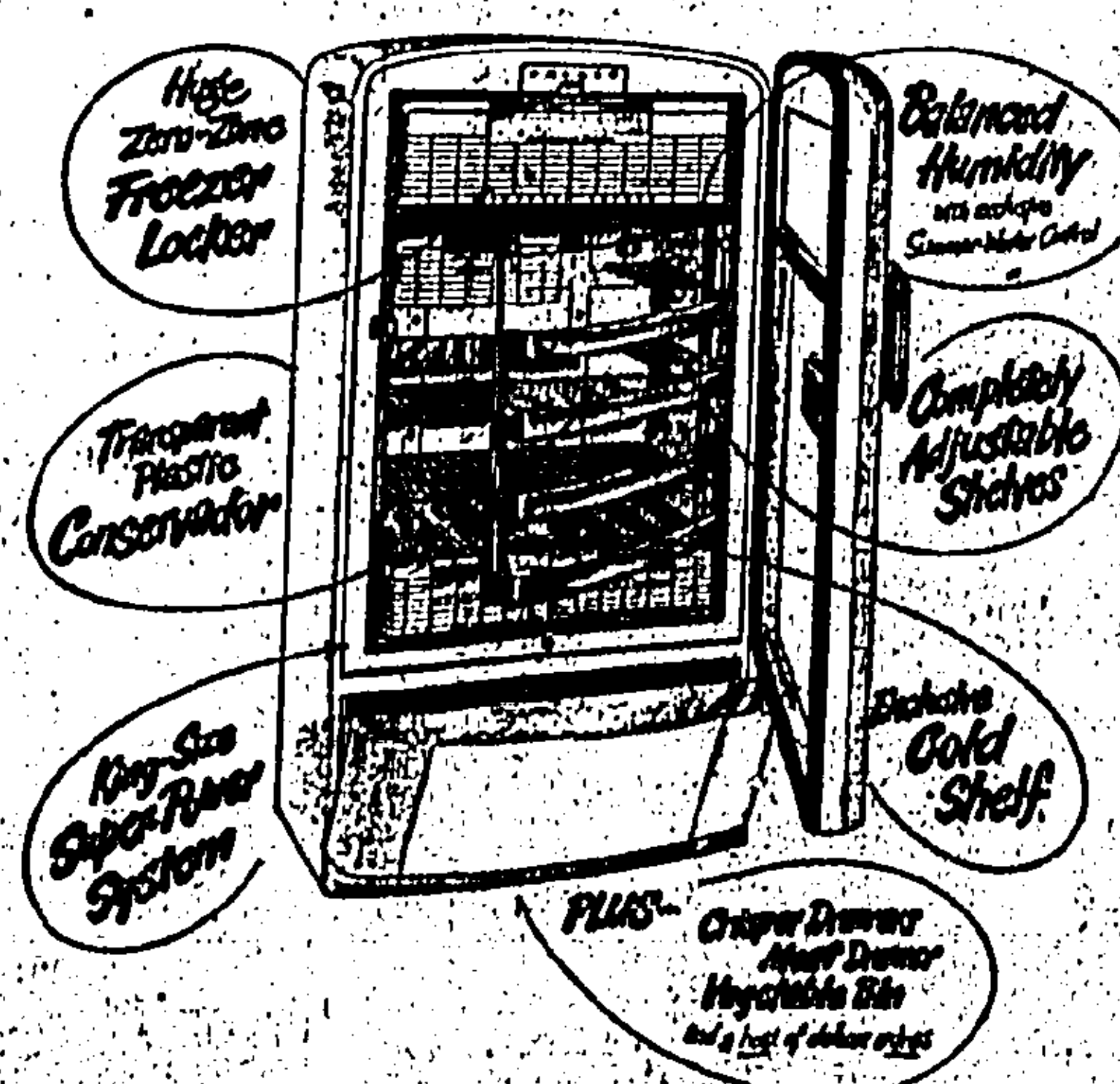
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# BERLIN'S CURRENT OF DREAD

It Runs Deep In The Crisis City

"Only Westmarks," said the brisk young woman in the bookshop.

Works on Existentialism come from Paris and must be paid in Westmarks. And there was an odd look of veiled flinching on the young customer's face as he said, "Sorry, I have no Westmarks," and hurried out. Westmarks are the currency issued by the Western Powers. Eastmarks are the money issued by the Russians. And every time a Berliner pulls out his pocket-book he is faced with the visible symbol of this squabble about Berlin—a reminder that the world is splitting apart in his city and that he does not know which side will win.

## A Ball In A Game

The undercurrent of dread here is well concealed. Outwardly, the crisis seems extraordinarily slow and quiet and undramatic.

Only when a banknote is pulled out or an aeroplane glints in the sun—or when the electricity is suddenly and silently quenched halfway through the evening—can you notice their quick stab of fear, fear of something which is better not thought about too exactly.

The current of dread is deep and strong beneath its calm facade of labour and civility and a brittle calm. And there is an added helplessness because Berlin has no shadow of control over what happens here. The city is merely the ball in a game of world football.

A couple of years ago there might have been indifference. The city was at death's door then. Its heart was scarcely beating. It had nothing to lose whatever happened.

A continuation of the existing nightmare might conceivably make matters better, but it could not make them more hopelessly worse.

But now, something new has happened. To anyone returning after an absence there are unmistakable signs that Berlin is coming alive again.

It is pulling itself together as a city. Its inhabitants are no longer distracted individuals groping among meaningless ruins. They are a community.

This ugliest, newest, and most traditionalist European capital is showing astonishing vitality.

## All Horror Spent

By now familiarity has softened the starkness of the ruins. All feelings of horror about them have been spent long ago. The barefoot children playing round them have never seen anything different.

Sometimes today you find an artist putting them or an architect remodelling them into ultra-modern shape. But the fact of them has ceased to shock.

None of the awful threats has been fulfilled. There has been

## Says ALEXANDER CLIFFORD

no mass starvation or uncontrollable epidemics or massacres or moral collapse or racial annihilation.

By the skin of its teeth life has kept going and a new conception of the normal has arisen. It is a purely local normal. The shops are still filled largely with antiquities or laboriously artistic modern handicraft.

Dresses are still pre-war—the New Look is represented only by someone who has been clever with black material and a lace curtain. There is still a fanatical worship of the cigarette—the price has never yet been high enough to stop sales.

## The Know It All

Life is still primitive and laborious and incredibly limited. But in some curious way it is no longer pathetic. It has flowed along these same channels for three years, now and it has become the new present.

The war is part of the past. The all-Russian occupation is part of the past, and a recurrence of either of those would not be the continuation of a nightmare present. It would be a far worse thing—to return to a nightmare past.

That is why the Crisis City behaves and feels as it does now—with the stolid outward calm of people who can do nothing whatever, to help themselves anyway, and the latent terror of people who have suffered everything once and know what it will mean to suffer those things again.

## Three Ways To End

There are, of course, three ways in which the crisis can end. There can be war. The Western

Powers can abandon Berlin. Or the Russians can give way and lift the siege.

Two out of three of these mean immediate total occupation of Berlin by the Russians. No Berliner can forget what that meant the first time.

Too many of them have compromised themselves since then by working for the Western Allies. And the thought of war in addition is something too terrible to contemplate.

The people do not know if they can trust us to stand firm. If you can pin them down in argument they will probably say, "Surely Britain and America won't plunge the world into war for the sake of 2,000,000 Germans? And war wouldn't save us, anyway."

"Berlin is of no strategic or material value to you. You can't keep supplying us like this all winter. You will do what your policy dictates, but none of it will be for our sakes. We are simply the rope in a tug-of-war."

## Muddled Man

He does not know really what to think today, the poor muddled man of Berlin. He is ruled by four Governments he has not chosen from four capitals whose minds he does not understand.

Four foreign propaganda have been piled on top of years of Nazi indoctrination. And the Nazi indoctrination itself is alive—there are days when dead little Goebbels seems to have been the only one who knew what he was talking about.

The Berliner today does not know whether or not he is regarded as a beaten enemy or a new friend or a future ally. He cannot tell what policies are being followed. He has no arguments to rely on. He is at the mercy of every rumour.

Perhaps it is even a relief to him that he has no choice to make and no feeling of responsibility for past or future. There is no precaution he can take now.

He cannot run away. He cannot start hoarding because there is nothing to hoard. He cannot join an army. His demonstrations will be ignored.

He has none of the usual stakes that a nation has—honour or revenge or expansion or liberty or greed. He has nothing to lose but the fragile stability of his present life, the regular though inadequate food, the tiny, tender shoots of civilisation that have sprouted from the dreary rubble.

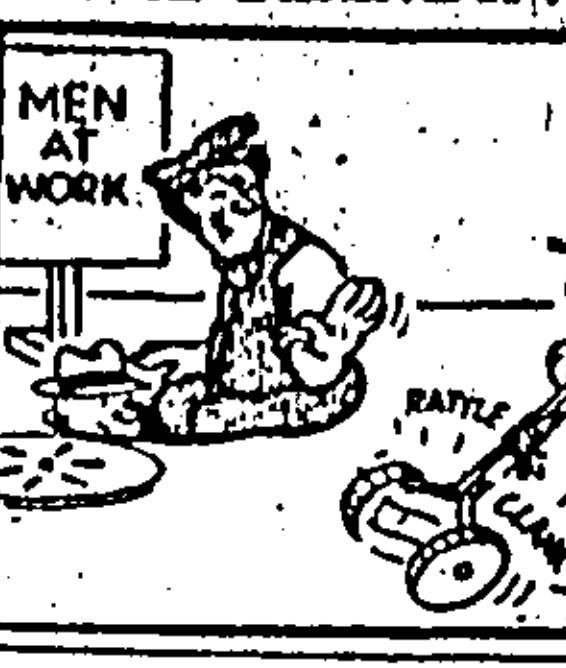
## The First Act

But just because they are the only things he has they are infinitely precious to him. And to lose them is to lose all vestige of hope.

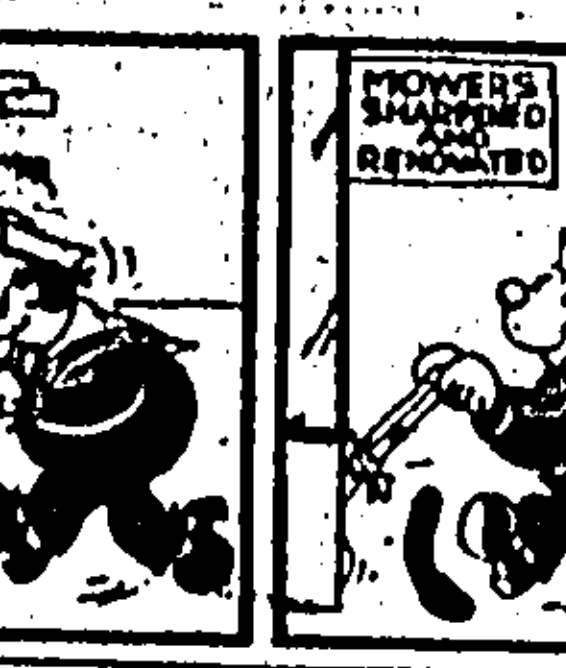
So the Berliner goes on doing the ordinary things calmly. There is nothing else to do. From a world point of view he is simply part of the scenery in the first act.

Few people will have time or inclination to shed tears over him. But from his own point of view he is afraid—afraid of being crushed down to a point from which the human spirit cannot rise again.

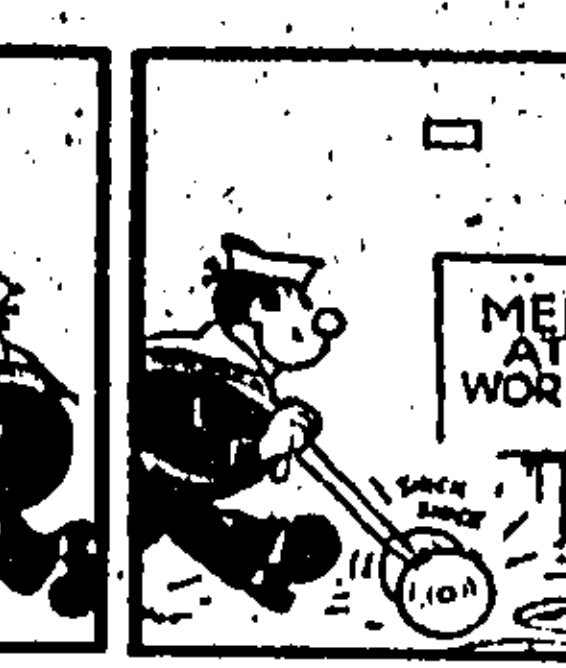
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# DEMOCRACY COMES TO THE FUZZY-WUZZIES

This is the fizzling season in the Sudan—it was 114 deg. Fahr. at one outpost I visited—and this summer it isn't only the sun that's fizzling.

The Fuzzy-Wuzzies and all their Sudanese brothers are going to have an election, the first in their turbulent history.

In the cool of the evening (110 deg. can be called cool), tribesmen in over Sudan are devoting their native fanaticism to trying to work out what this election is all about.

Exchanging the sword for the ballot-box takes some explaining, and when you realise that the Sudan covers ten times the territory of the British Isles, all of it sweltering under a merciless sun, you get an idea of the job the Sudan Government has taken on in promoting this first step to Sudanese independence.

In the towns—Khartoum, Omdurman, Berber, Atbara, Port Sudan, each a page in British history—the "more enlightened" of the 7,000,000 Sudanese are taking the New Deal calmly, but have added complications.

For half a century they have been living peacefully under the beneficent rule of British Colonial Servants, and it is more or less understood that the Prophet, from whom all blessings flow, is rewarding the faithful by giving them their own Parliament.

Greatest blessing for some Sudanese would be union with Egypt. For others top reward would be complete independence.

But, as Sir Sayed Abdel el Mahdi, son of the man whose warriors hacked General Gordon to death put it to me: "A man cannot learn to ride a horse without mounting it."

## Well Launched

So with the Mahdi, most influential man in the Sudan, in favour of the proposed "first step" Parliament, under a British Governor-General, success of the experiment, in its initial stage at least, is assured.

The Mahdi, 6ft. 2in., handsome, just turned 63 was born three months after Gordon's murder, two months after his father, the first Mahdi, died. He told me:

"Just because we speak the same language and have the same religion as Egyptians is no reason

in these enlightened days for Egypt to enslave the Sudan and put back the clock 100 years, when we were then slaves."

You get the impression from him that Egypt would have a tough time trying to force any issue.

The Mahdi, who is a cotton king in his own right, is Britain's trump card in the Sudan's new deal. He told me the kindest words ever spoken to him by an Englishman were by Churchill, who once said to him: "Only your

## By NOEL MONKS

father's enemies have written about him. We won't get the full story until we hear from his friends."

As exciting as the forthcoming elections to the Mahdi is the publication in Arabic shortly, at his own expense, of Churchill's book, "The River War," first published 50 years ago. For him there is, first, the Koran then "The River War."

## The Enemies Say

His enemies say he has visions of being the first King of the Sudan, and mainly for this jealous reason they would prefer self-government under the Egyptian crown.

There has been hardly any reaction to Egypt's standing aloof from the elections. She has had no practical hand in governing the Sudan since 1924, but Sudan Government officials are fair enough to agree that, because of the Nile, Egypt has a decided interest in what goes on in the country.

Any Sudanese over 25 will be able to vote. To have given women a vote would be more revolutionary than the French and Russian revolutions put together.

In the towns it will be a general election, but out in the desert, provinces where the tribes are scattered over hundreds of miles, the system of selection will be adapted to the conditions.

The Fuzzy-Wuzzies will put forward several candidates. Then an electoral college will vote for the men they think should park their spears and come to Khartoum.

Just across the Nile from the spot where the 21st Lancers made their charge, on September 2,

## Scot for the Job

The man given the colossal task of organising the election is Sir James Robertson, a massive Scot who came to the Sudan more than 20 years ago and who is now Secretary for the Interior.

Educated Sudanese remember the words of General Gordon when he came riding into Khartoum, alone on February 22, 1884: "I come without soldiers, but with God on my side to redress the evils of the Sudan. I will not fight with any weapons but justice." In less than a year his head was being toted around the market place and Mr. Gladstone was under fire in Whitehall.

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## FRANCO-CZECH AGREEMENT

Paris, August 6. The French Foreign Ministry announced tonight the signing of a French-Czechoslovak economic agreement involving an exchange of goods worth the equivalent of £12,750,000 in each direction.

Chief French exports will be electrical and mechanical goods, chemical products and books. Czechoslovakia will supply mechanical goods, machine tools, textiles, glass, asbestos, wood pitch, tar and cellulose.—Reuter.

# REYNAUD SCHEME FOR FRANCE

Paris, August 6.

A giant production drive and more industrialisation for France are proposed by the Finance Minister, M. Paul Reynaud.

M. Reynaud today placed before the Assembly's Financial Commission a bill demanding sweeping new powers.

The bill will be submitted to the Assembly tomorrow. Political observers believe that the bill may precipitate a crisis. M. Reynaud will rely on stimulating personal initiative in his high cost of living reform, while maintaining the controlling hand of the State in the direction of the national effort.

The bill says that a loss of revenue from the tax reliefs can be made good by increasing other taxes to 33 per cent of the present rates.

M. Reynaud said he sought powers to organise the drive

when Marshall aid was ended. What had been nationalised would remain nationalised.

## Reducing Prices

The Government would first stabilise prices and then improve purchasing power by reducing prices and increasing output, the preamble to the bill stated.

Under the bill, the Government may prevent cartels from restricting production or distribution, and would exercise control without further reference to Parliament. There is to be no time limit to the use of the power and the distribution of raw materials.

The use of these special powers is mentioned in the bill but the tax changes must be carried out this year.—Reuter.



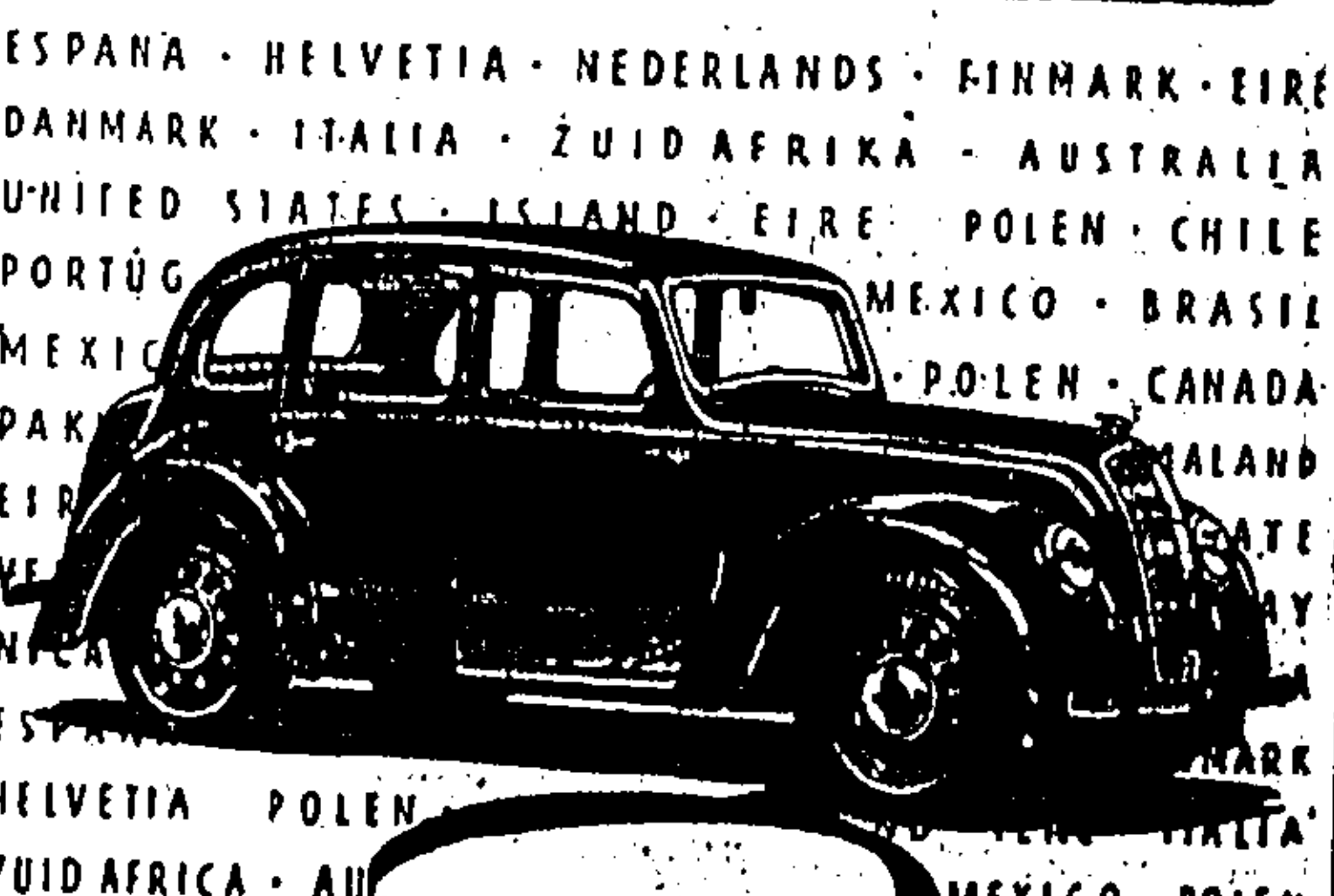
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# TIME TO END THIS JUNGLE LAW

"Lend-shedding" in the Empire has undoubtedly given an impetus to the many elements in Malaya who would like to cut up this rich cake among themselves. Before the war there was little unrest, racial or religious feeling in prosperous Malaya.

The Malays, politically uninterested and economically not highly productive, were satisfied with the share they received of this rich cake in the Empire—an example that the Socialists conveniently forget when talking about the lack of Empire development.

The Chinese, apart from the secret societies which characterize the whole of Chinese life everywhere, rather resent the Government's fear based on their rapid numerical increase, but when local government was strong they did not form an unduly disturbing element.

### Happy History

The European population had a higher standard of living than I have ever met, and apart from a few bad spots when rubber and tin prices were low, this rich country, in a key strategic and economic position in the Empire, had a happy history between the wars.

Today four main elements combine to create a dangerous situation, in which we may well lose Malaya, and with it automatically everything of value to us east of Suez.

First, there are the Malays. In Indonesia there is no war, but no peace, and the Pan-Malayan movement began there gives the Malay element in Malaya hopes of a big slice of the cake should the British go.

This is the least dangerous element from the point of view of lawlessness and disregard of

law and order, for the Malays are a people not given to following through anything with great determination.

### Guerilla Pay-off

Yet there are enough bad men in this community to join any local guerilla force if they think it will pay. That is the point to remember.

Today's peasant is tomorrow's bandit and the next day's peaceful peasant again.

It is all a matter of what offers the best prospects—at any rate,

By Walter  
Fletcher, MP

with the rank and file, who will always follow a strong local leader, particularly after one or two unpunished successes.

The next element is the Pan-Asiatic, infiltrating from India and largely started by Mr. Nehru's visit to Malaya. Not numerically powerful, it has contributed to the subversive movement through its success story of India and Burma breaking away from the Empire, and it also has its quota of trained and armed bad men.

The Chinese form the third and greatest element, for numerically they are now equal to the Malays. The Chinese have been the main economic developers of Malaya in the past decade.

They are greatly on the increase, and in 25 years' time must be predominant in numbers. The Singapore Chinese (over 800,000) under the new Constitution, which cuts the head from the body and leaves the

Federation of Malaya without Singapore, feel themselves disenfranchised and slighted.

### The Red Streak

The fourth factor contributing to the dangerous situation in Malaya comes from the pure Russian Communist element based on the general movement to capture Asia, and largely drawn, instructed, and directed from the new and swollen Russian Embassy in Bangkok.

In the minds of all four big groups—the Malays, the Pan-Asiatic movement, the Chinese, and the Moscow Communist—is the failure to reach a really working arrangement in Indonesia, the declared Communist policy of Burma, the disturbed situation in India, the continued decline in the affairs of Western Europe, and the constant reference by propaganda that Communism is the new creed on the up grade.

The task of anybody set to deal with this situation is unenviable, and the rice shortage, partly avoidable, has not eased matters.

Responsible powers here and in Malaya have spent so much of their time in Constitution-making and changing, in forming trade unions, and in giving the powers of democratic government with its apparatus of councils, elections, etc., to a country politically immature and unsettled, that it cannot be considered ungenerous to criticise.

### Divided Rule

The Government must face the following facts. There are today three—and until the recent return of the High Commissioner for East Asia there were four—high officials in the Far East of Governor's rank or over, all performing important local functions.

There is the Special Commissioner for the United Kingdom in South-East Asia, the High Commissioner for the Federation in Malaya, the Governor of Singapore.

Thus there are all these Governors and a Special Commissioner who appears to be above them all but who has no final executive powers.

There is no one central authority, visibly clothed with final powers of decision, able and willing to take immediate action in the whole area.

An insufficient police force, of which the lower ranks in an economic crisis are very open to temptation, being so ill-paid, has been given no chance, and at the moment, it has done well with the means at its disposal.

If there were a central authority, and if that authority had been exercised, when all the signs could be read of what was going to happen 18 months ago, the present tense situation would never have occurred.

I am saying no word against the main lines of the Constitution, for when it was conceived during the war one could only guess at the post-war conditions. It has had to be moderated under some pressure, but what every section of the community

# THREE YEARS OF LABOUR GOVERNMENT

By Alastair Forbes

Three years ago the votes were being counted all over Britain. For the returning officers and their assistants, no less than for the candidates themselves, it was as if there had been coiled a powerful jack in every ballot box.

By midday it was known that the Socialists had been swept into power. Before the afternoon was over Mr. Churchill had given up the seals of the nobly discharged office of which the British people, with what Oscar Wilde once called "All the adriatic bitterness of an old friend," had deprived him.

### Its Bad Luck

Shortly after seven o'clock in the evening a small family reunion, driven by all and pleasantly pretty woman with shy little man by her side, gently shook its way into the forecourt of Buckingham Palace. Mr. Attlee had come to accept his Majesty's commission to form a new Government.

It seemed to many a charming and suitable way for the century of the common man to begin in a country whose greatness had been made by uncommon men and women and which had just dimmed the greatest of all these then living. Their achievement, it appeared, had been to make the world safe for mediocrity.

Three years have passed, and the third which has just ended has proved no luckier for Mr. Attlee or his colleagues than the first or the second. It is difficult to escape the conclusion that this Government must deserve its bad luck.

### Not So Wise

Political wisdom has not marched with "political activity" for in matters political long memories are not demanded and nobody cares to blame himself for the results of his actions.

Since the stability of liberal democracy is dependent on a ris-

### Dollar Arsenal

The value of Malaya I have left to the last. Economically it is a dollar arsenal. The value of rubber alone exported from there to the United States is more than the total direct exports to the United Kingdom; tin is equally important.

Strategically it is still in a key situation, and has again been preferred to Hong Kong as a naval base, but overriding both of these is the fact that a successful insurrection in Malaya, or even a gradual wresting of power from us over a period, would be the sign for the final cry of "Quit Asia" to all white men.

ing standard of wisdom on the part of the electorate—which has clearly never been present—it would be foolish to condemn the men and women who made up that Gadarene majority in 1945. The Tories had in their long rule made many memorable mistakes, not the least of which was their failure to prevent what Mr. Churchill has called "The Unnecessary War."

Their successful prosecution of this war with Socialist assistance was never likely to be enough to achieve their redemption. A period in opposition was probably alone likely to restore to them the confidence of their countrymen, who were in any event hungry for a radical change, especially one which was based in highly idealistic language "highly material gains."

But the principal error on the part of the electorate, and one of which Mr. Churchill gave robust forewarning, was to mistake the Labour Party for an ordinary alternative Government bound by ordinary rules of political and economic prudence.

It was an error widely shared in and easy enough to fall into at a time when even Conservatives were choosing to believe that "Uncle Joe" Stalin had given up his Communism and his Comintern.

Some people still persist in it today, despite the Labour Party's recent sponsorship of the re-publication of the Communist Manifesto, and Mr. Attlee's own inference that his party contains the true Socialists, who have refused to follow their Russian comrades into heretic betrayal of that manifesto.

The Labour Party entered, therefore, upon the tasks of administration convinced not that Britain must regain her old place of commercial power and enterprise but that Socialism must begin.

Few moments could have been chosen more unsuitable for a beginning to be made.

### Grave Folly

The process of national recovery was gravely checked and even halted, while the whole basis of our economy was altered. Schemes of nationalisation were carried through at great cost.

In the case of coal, psychological considerations possibly rendered such a step inevitable, although to such a repeat in so many other spheres such an untold and largely unwanted experiment was desperate folly.

At any time to socialise large parts of so valuable a subject for socialisation as the British economy would have called for a long period of living off reserves. Yet at no time were such reserves lower.

And if there are still so many people about unconvinced by Socialist mistakes it is because Mr. Attlee's Government has been able to bolster its operations with the tremendous assistance furnished by capitalist America.

### Show Goes On

Any Government can put up a show if it lives beyond its means. The wonder is that a Government which has been living so long beyond its means has not succeeded in putting up a better show.

As Socialism failed to succeed in so many of its enterprises it turned with dogmatism delight to the task of hampering or punishing all those who were succeeding or seeking to succeed in enterprises outside the province of the State. It has been in this field above all that it has so greatly exploited the spirit of class struggle upon which, like Communism, its dogma rests.

For the Labour Party on coming into power believed that it was upon the crest of a wave which would sweep Europe and much of the world, a wave which would smother, unlike Communism, to drown Capitalism and private enterprise without drowning liberty.

Nothing could have been further from the truth. This is a sink-or-swim world, in which Socialism is today a dying force. To save itself from death it is forced to return to its old slogans and to compete, ineffectively, with the more violent appeal of the Communists.

Thus Mr. Aneurin Bevan, and those who think like him, and themselves forced to excite class hatred and bitterness in an attempt to steal the uniforms of the Communist Army before it can get on the march.

Thus Organised Labour has secured the whip hand, and has used it to whip up everything but production. Of the dictatorship of the British proletariat at least nobody will be able to say that it has made the trains run on time.

### Party Split

But much of this fiery "Celtic Communism" has proved obnoxious to the bovine "film premiere grandees" of the Labour Party, so that, even in their various attempts to "steal the nation" divided for their own political purposes, the Socialists find that they are still further dividing themselves.

Nevertheless, in every country where there rules a Socialist Government bent on Socialism rather than on discovering the best national solution for the creation of a united nation, there must continue to take place a deadly process of weakening the moral fibre of its people, a process which can only end in the Communists, who will like vultures for the spoils of the cold civil war.

It may be that there were those who voted for the Socialists in 1945 not because of the foolish promises of an easier life in the post-war world but rather because they saw in the Socialists the best leaders for Britain in that world.

### New 'Jobs'

If so, they must by now be cruelly disillusioned. For the men who have created so many new "jobs for the boys" have shown that they do not possess enough able men to fill even the old jobs which have always had to be done.

Everywhere our national stock has fallen, or has been maintained only by that basic unity which not even three years of Socialism have quite destroyed. At home not a week passes but that the Government must, with undeviating incompetence, choose either the wrong course or often the wrong compromise, or make better-sketched retreat from either.

Around it professes one policy only to follow another, accepting American aid without giving in return the dynamic leadership to Western Europe which Washington justifiably demanded from London.

Leaving aside the Bevens, Shitwell, Daffons, not yet in the majority, and might say that pig-headedness, either "head" or "milkheadness," has been the principal fault of Mr. Attlee's team over the past three years. There is nothing much wrong with many Socialists except their Socialism. And nothing much wrong with the "head" which could not be "cured" if it were only awake from her "Socialist" sleep before today's bad dream becomes tomorrow's Communist nightmare.

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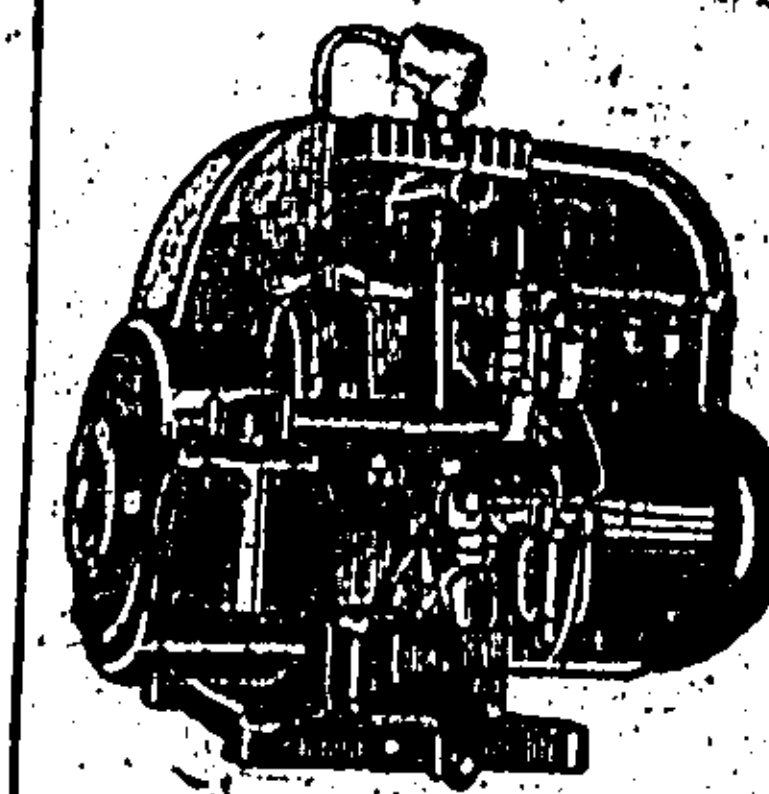


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# DEWEY PLANS CHANGE IN US FAR EASTERN POLICY

## NEW APPROACH TO ASIA PROBLEMS

Washington, August 6.

Representative Fred Busby said in a House speech today that Governor Thomas Dewey will have a strong anti-Communist China and Far East policy if elected President. The Illinois Republican said, "Dewey will bring about a change in the pro-Communist policy in Asia."

Dewey and other Republican party leaders will bring about a complete house-cleaning of the State Department, said Busby, strong opponent of Communism in the United States, said the Republicans have a new approach to Asia but this will be along the line of traditional Republican policy.



MR. THOMAS DEWEY

## 10-Year Wait For Atom Power

At last the curtain has been raised for a peep at Britain's atomic energy research station. But, as a Special Correspondent says in this article, much more remains secret.

Though Britain got away to a late start in atomic energy development after the war, she is rapidly catching up with her leading competitor, the United States.

In spite of tremendous initial difficulties and stultifying bureaucratic domination the scientists have made amazing progress in the past 18 months. This was made clear to me during a visit I have just made to the atomic energy research establishment at Harwell as one of a strictly limited and closely "vetted" party of newspapermen representing the general and technical press.

"Keep Out!" For the first time since the project started two years ago, this closely-guarded "portal of the Government" has been opened to allow a chosen few correspondents to see how the taxpayers' millions are being spent on this closely guarded venture.

After undergoing the scrutiny of numerous War Department Police and being issued with a special pass and a gadget to register any possible radioactive poison our persons might acquire, we were permitted to see just what is going on there of a non-secret nature—and no more. Despite the elaborate security precautions (I was all but barred at the gate because, although a fully sponsored member of the party, I was not carrying my national identity card), we were shown nothing of any activities of a military nature that may be going on there.

From that aspect Harwell still guards its secrets. Many doors were opened to us, but many more were shut. They were labelled "Restricted area—keep out."

Similarly, contact with the staff was rigidly confined to the appointed officials who conducted us round. But so far as the peaceful side of its activities are concerned there is no doubt that a tremendous lot is going on at Harwell. The research buildings, laboratories, workshops, etc., already cover nearly half a square mile, and more are still going up.

**Terrific Heat** Prefab house for the workers basked in the Berkshire Downs. The small atomic pile known as the "Gleep" (graphite low energy experimental pile) is working to full capacity.

Its bigger brother "Bepo" (British experimental pile), 60 times more powerful, which began production three weeks ago, will be in full blast by October, when it will generate such a terrific heat that it will take a year to cool down if it ever has a holiday.

This pile will supply all the isotopes required for medical and industrial research in this country and the Commonwealth and incidentally save the dollars we now have to spend on these we buy from America.

Already isotopes (radioactive materials) manufactured in the atomic pile are aiding research in British industry, agriculture and fisheries.

Besides helping doctors to probe disease, including cancer, that most dreaded of all, isotopes are being utilised by Lancashire to overcome technical difficulties in certain cotton-spinning processes; they are being used by agriculturalists to test the efficiency of fertilisers, as well as in research work to improve the fishing industry.

We were shown the massive cyclotron now under construction which will produce energies of 200,000 volts; the elaborate apparatus for protecting the health of the workers from radioactive poison, and the equally elaborate system of vast filtering tanks for protecting the health of the public by purifying the contaminated waste water from the laboratories before it is discharged into the Thames in millions of gallons.

**No Solution Yet** Harwell is certainly a hive of activity. But what does it all amount to in regard to supplying atomic power to run the factories and heat and light the homes? The answer unfortunately seems to be very little if anything at all. Even the Director, Sir John Cockcroft, had to admit that Harwell like the American stations, is nowhere nearer a solution of the problems than when it started.

He made these points: 1.—The scientist must solve the so-called breeding problem—the production of sufficient atomic fuel to take the place of coal.

2.—There must be solved the metallurgical problem of finding materials which will stand high temperatures and be suitable for use in pile construction. 3.—There must be developed an efficient way of processing nuclear fuel which has been used in piles—the intensely radioactive ash from the fuel must be

He said this tradition is "keeping the other side of the Pacific Ocean free of any potential aggressor who is a threat to the West Coast of the United States."

He said the situation has become dangerously critical in China with Chiang Kai-shek forced to surrender and military position after another because of the lack of the most elementary equipment.

He said Russia has given the Chinese Communists "untold tons of equipment" and technical advice.

### Concentrating On East

Busby said: "As long as China can maintain itself free of Communism the Western Democracies will have a 4,000-mile long border facing the Asiatic holdings of Russia from which to attack the Red Army, by air in the event of conflict."

He said that Russia would be hesitant to attack Europe or the United States if Russia has a powerful, independent China at the back door.

He added, "Premier Stalin is concentrating much of his effort in Asia while the Truman Administration is trying to secure him in Europe by pouring billions of dollars into the support of Socialist nations."

### Chiang Praised

He said the Roosevelt and Truman Administration "preached a coalition administration for China with the Communists" and when the Chinese Government declined a coalition, "threw its full measure of economic sanctions against China."

Busby charged that "because of blunders made by the Democratic administration both during and after the war, all of Asia is today slipping behind the iron curtain of Soviet imperialism."

Busby praised the leadership of Chiang Kai-shek, and said the Chinese Government was forced to surrender many military positions because of lack of equipment. United Press and Associated Press.

dealt with safely and economically. 4.—There must be safe means of disposing of the large amount of radioactive ash which would be produced by power stations operating on nuclear fuel.

"These problems," said Sir John Cockcroft "are difficult, and their solution is going to take time for this reason: no serious person working in the field believes that nuclear energy will make any contribution to world power during the next decade."

### None For Office

"It is probable, however, that a number of pilot plants will be built to allow these problems to be investigated and solved. That is one of the jobs of Harwell." In the meantime, although such terrific heat is generated within the six-foot thick concrete walls of the Harwell piles, Sir John cannot definitely promise as yet any method of releasing even a fraction of that heat to warm his own office.

## Britons Evacuated

Rangoon, August 6. The Indian ship Malaysia, evacuating British women and children and other European and Indian families from the riot-disturbed Burmese port of Bassein, is expected here tonight or tomorrow.

The situation in Bassein, an important rice-exporting centre where the Communists have been rioting, is causing concern here. At least one British exporting firm has temporarily closed down its office there.

The Burmese Home Minister, U Kyal Nyelin, was reported by the press to have gone to Bassein to investigate the position, but the report has not been confirmed. Reuter.

## MARKOS FLEES TO ALBANIA

Athens, August 6.

General Markos, the "Free Greek Government" leader, and his organisation fled abroad after a Nationalist break-through in the battle for the Grammos mountains, the guerrilla stronghold, unconfirmed reports reaching Athens today said.

The guerrilla Government crossed the mountains into Albania and took off by plane for an unknown destination, these reports said.

Greek Government aircraft reported seeing guerrilla columns retreating towards the Albanian frontier. Today's official communiqué in Athens said Greek forces were making rapid progress in the Mount Grammos area.

Earlier official reports today said Government troops had swept the guerrillas from the valley—near the Albanian border—and had linked up in the western and southern fronts.

Battle-front despatches said Army units stormed a rebel stronghold on the 7,000-foot Mount Gyrtissa, while others took a guerrilla position at Skeno, opening the southern gateway to the main Grammos range. Reuter.

## ANTI-RED ARMY—OR RED HERRING?

The actions of South Africa's new Minister of Defence, Mr. E. C. Erasmus, are making ex-Service men wonder what is going to happen to the Union Defence Force—the "glorious weapon forged by the country in wartime"—as Field-Marshal Smuts has called it.

Mr. Erasmus has announced he intends to build up an army in the country districts—the Plat-

From STUART TYFIELD, "Daily Dispatch" Special Correspondent

land. He said this army was being raised to combat Communism. But any Communist there are in South Africa are in the big cities.

Some ex-Service men are beginning to wonder whether this new platoon army is being built up to help keep the Nationalists in office should a crisis develop in South Africa. These suspicions might be justified, but Mr. Erasmus' actions in other directions do not help to dispel them.

He has stopped the interchange of instructors between the Union Defence Force and the British Army and the practice of attaching South African officers to British Army units for experience and training.

### Best Man Sent Away

Another link with the British Army is expected to be broken when Major-General Evered Poole, Deputy Chief of the

General Staff, goes to Berlin as head of the small South African military mission there.

General Poole has always encouraged the practice of bringing high-ranking Army and Air Force officers from Britain to lecture to the Union Defence Force.

Mr. Erasmus has tried to explain the recent appointment of General Poole on the grounds of Berlin's strategic importance. But the General is South Africa's outstanding soldier, who was destined to become Chief of the General Staff, and is needed in the Union to carry on his work of building up an efficient, modern fighting force.

### "Too Much English"

Recently Mr. Erasmus complained that there were more English-speaking officers in the Union Defence Force than Afrikaans-speaking. Even if this statement is correct—and it has been queried—few can see what difference it can make to the efficiency of the force. But Mr. Erasmus is encouraging Afrikaans-speaking youths to enlist.

His latest move to improve the efficiency of the Union Defence Force is to send a mission of four to the Netherlands to study the terminology used in defence forces in order to extend the Afrikaans vocabulary in the South African Defence Force.

He is disbanding the Native Military Corps—a unit which did outstanding work during the last war, many of its members earning high awards for their bravery as stretcher-bearers and transport drivers.

## MASS MURDER AT A HOLIDAY RESORT

Salinas, Calif., August 6.

Five Filipinos were shot to death in a mass murder today in a cabin of a Big Sur resort overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

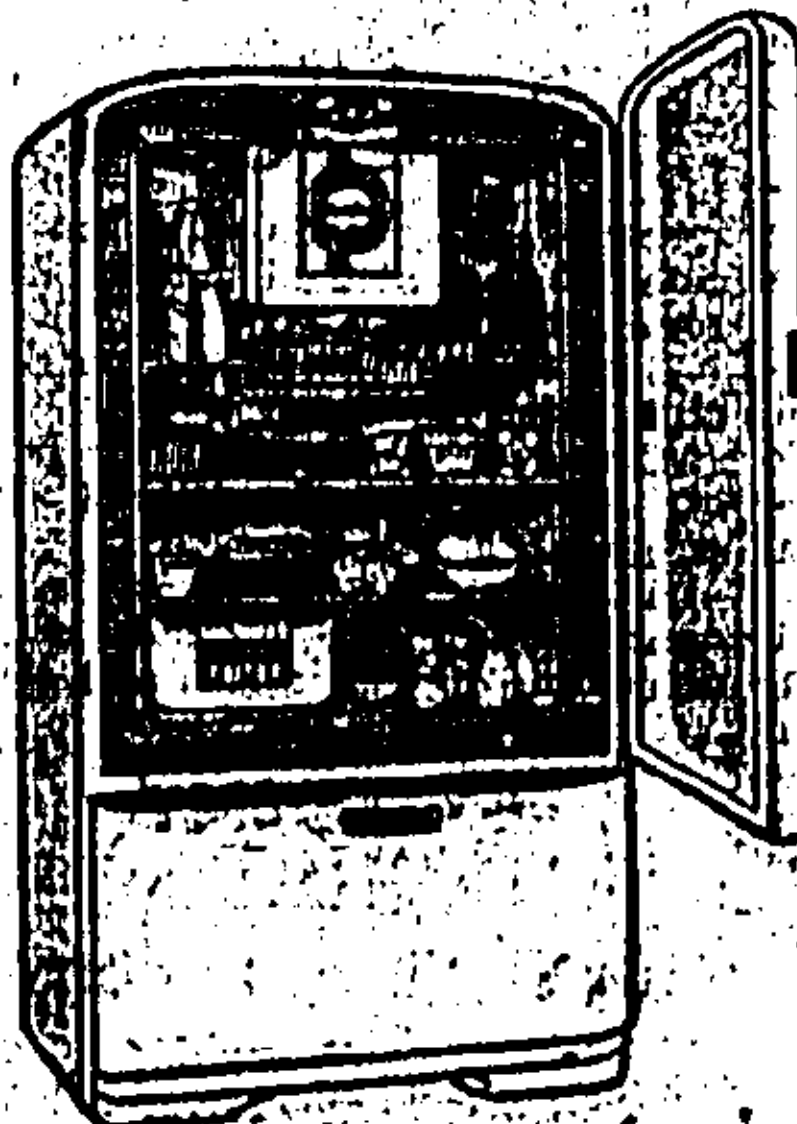
Sheriff Jack McCoy ordered an immediate search for a sixth man, believed to be a Filipino co-worker of the victims.

The massacre was discovered shortly after noon when Gallein Powers, proprietor of the Big Sur restaurant, went to the resort where all had been employed. The bodies were in a nearby cabin where the Filipinos had been playing dominoes. All had been shot with a .22 calibre rifle. Sheriff McCoy thinks that one of their number went berserk in the course of a gambling game, sometime between midnight and 6.30 a.m.

The sheriff ordered all available deputies to scour the Santa

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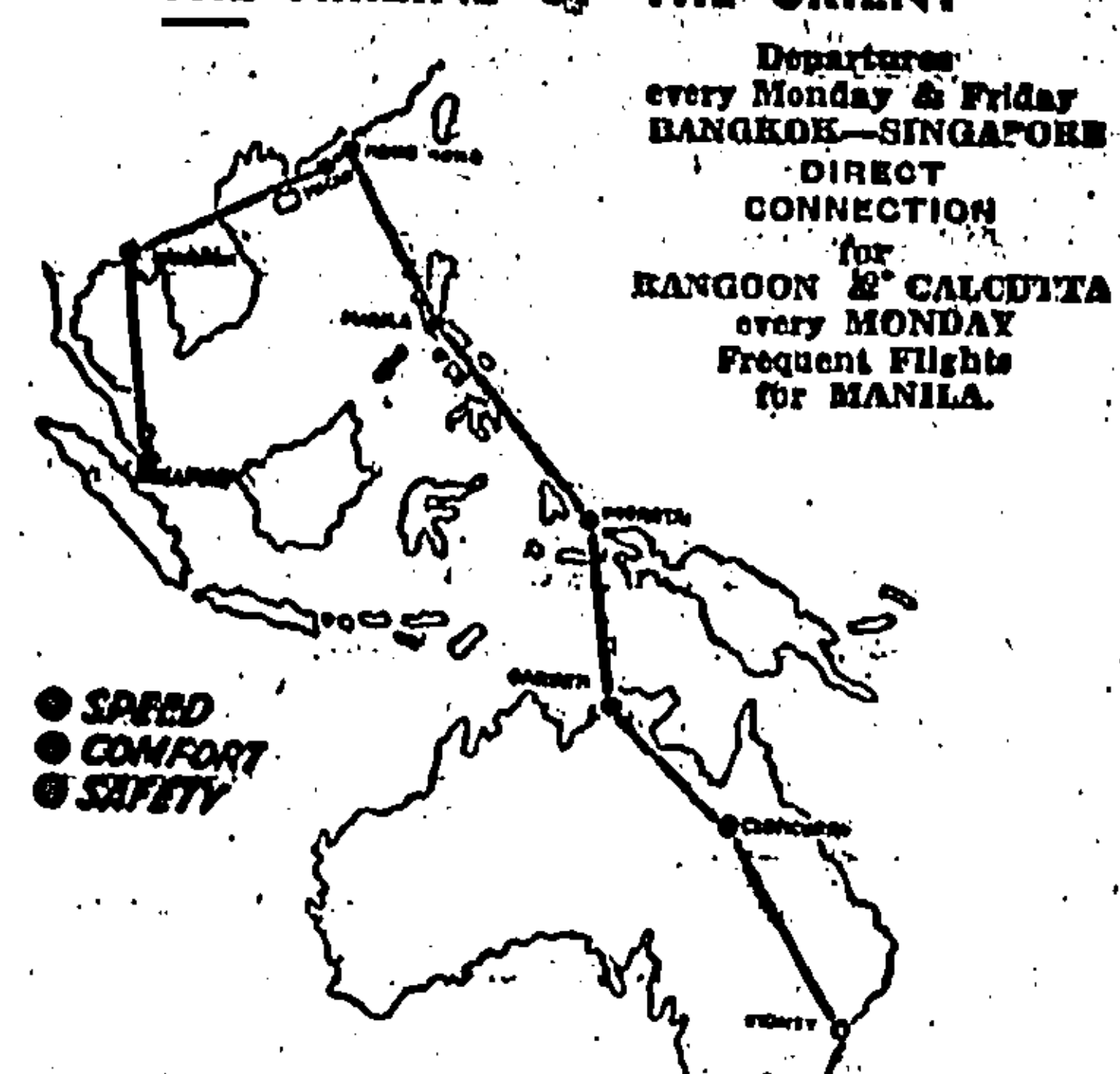
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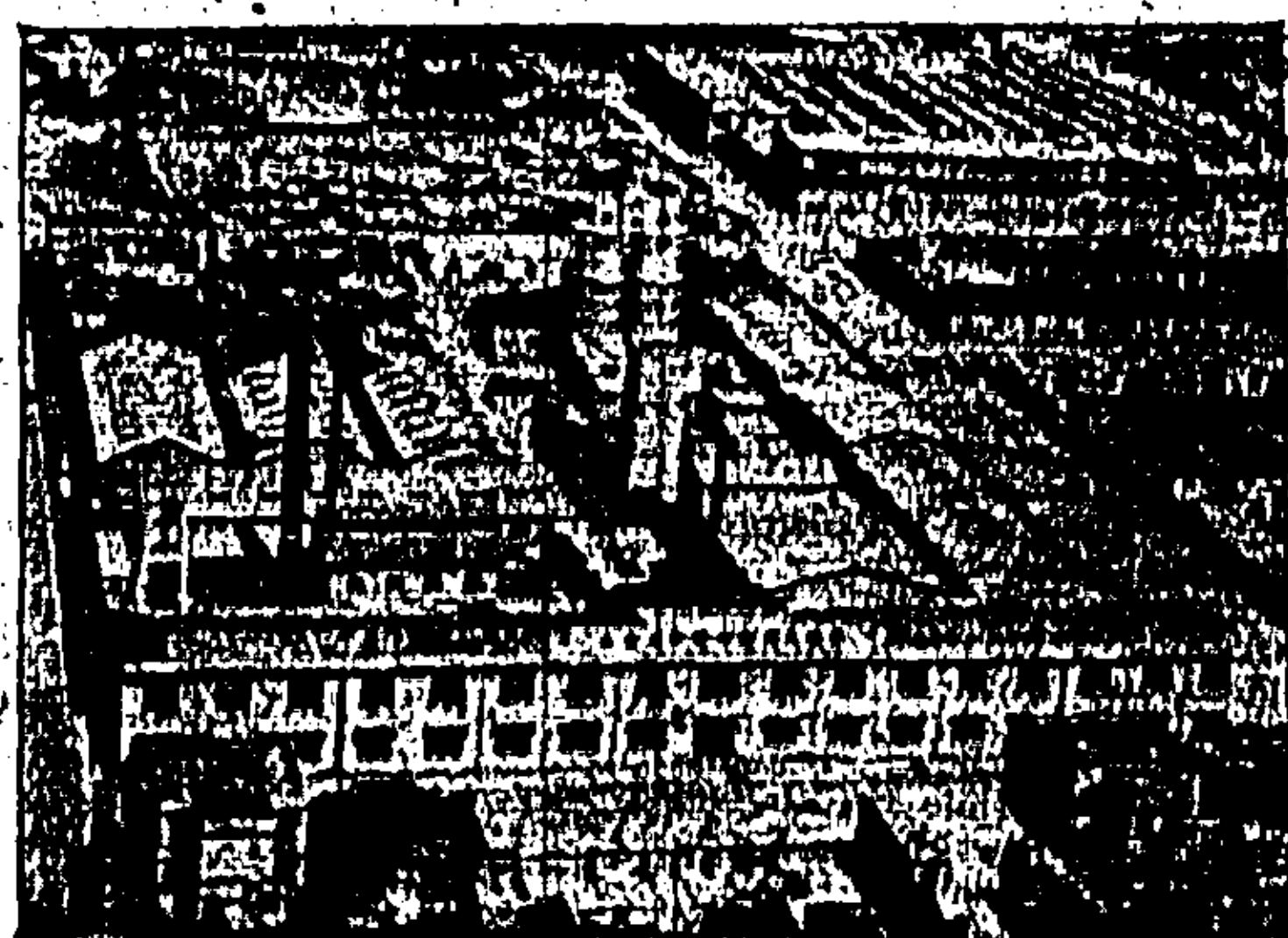
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### IN TIME

Thakin Nu's decision to carry on as the Prime Minister of Burma until the General Election next April comes not a moment too soon. His attempt to retire from office gave a serious shock to confidence. An idealist and ascetic he sincerely thought that he could best promote national unity, which is Burma's supreme need, if he laid down his office and applied his energies to convincing party leaders and their followers that they must put aside their personal ambitions in setting up a Socialist state. He now knows that others among Burma's new politicians share neither his ideals nor his disinterestedness; without him the Government cannot hold together.

The Communists now in arms against the Government have as their aim the simple desire to seize power for themselves. When Thakin Nu found that they and their supporters would not join with him in restoring order and working for his somewhat academic version of Socialism he did not hesitate to treat them as enemies. He has now committed the Government to an all-out drive against the insurrection which they have set on foot.

A section of the People's Volunteer Army, which has gone to ground complete with arms, may give trouble. So Let Ya, the best soldier and after Thakin Nu the most respected figure in the Government, is no longer Defence Minister but is taking an active part in the operations against the Communists. Thakin Nu has taken the responsibility for defence into his own hands.

Much hangs upon the Government's ability to suppress the insurrection quickly. Discontent is growing throughout the country. So far, political independence has meant a breakdown of law and order and it is now clear that a grave error of the new Government was to start socialising industrial and commercial enterprises before establishing its authority on a firm foundation.

The friendly feelings of the British people towards Burma still persist and the difficulties facing any government after a British withdrawal are well understood, but growing doubts about the willingness of the Burmese Government to fulfil obligations undertaken in the Anglo-Burmese Treaty have put much strain on the friendship.

### Danube Conference

Accounts of the Danube conference at Belgrade seem to make it clear that a new Danube Convention as Russia sees it would, in practice, resolve itself into a kind of regional agreement by various States already closely tied to Russia both politically and economically.

The position of non-riparians would be one of practical impotence. "Freedom of shipping", as it appears in the Russian draft, sounds well, but ships and barges would have to pass through Danubian waters controlled by Kremlin-inspired riparians. Furthermore, the whole "maritime" Danube—the lower reaches that debouch on the Black Sea—would be under the control of two powers only, Russia and Rumania.

The suggested commission would have less power of supervision than the old, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Rumania and the Ukraine being free to apply many individual rules. It also appears that this whole "upper Danube" from the French zone of

# PROBLEMS OF SOCIAL WELFARE IN HK

By G. S. In "St. John's Review"

Any question posed as to why Hong Kong is so lacking in communal sense is also applicable to the question why it is so dedicated (as compared with other great cities) in social welfare amenities. The two problems are inter-related. Two problems are inter-related. Two problems are inter-related.

It is true that Mencius devoted a whole book to warn his generation that the strength of the nation is the strength of its weakest link or to vary the metaphor, the speed of the slowest ship, and that to raise the level of the community, one must raise its weakest members. But this sound social philosophy had, by some form of mental twist, been made to apply only to the family and not to the state, with the result that in China there was (and still is) cohesion but not national solidarity.

The coming of industrialism and democracy has weakened family loyalty without proportionately deepening the sense of national obligation. In Imperial days a Chinese could fall back upon the family or clan, but today village solidarity is in many places breaking, so that the modern problem of destitution is more serious. This is reflected in the increase in social evils.

### Narrow View

Further, the narrow view taken by social welfare in the 19th century helped to limit the extent and scope of social institutions here. The majority of our existing welfare institutions came into being after 1925. Even now we have no Bureau or municipal housing system, no social insurance or poor law, while the site formerly occupied by the City Hall, Library and Museum, has been absorbed by financial interests.

It is true that a good deal of social work is being done here—but on the whole that work is spasmodic, unco-ordinated, restricted and amateurish. To say this is not to belittle the grand work done by voluntary institutions, Church and Government. In particular the work of the Medical and Education Departments during recent years has been outstanding. But it must be admitted that for a city of two million souls and ranking as one of the leading ports of the world, Hong Kong cannot be proud of her social institutions.

### Ceaseless Tide

Some measures must be adopted (a) to regulate the ceaseless tide of hungry humanity and (b) to promote a spirit of social obligation in the hearts and minds of the populace (two of our most urgent needs). The following measures which seem desirable: Firstly, social solidarity can only be achieved if efforts are made to create a "Hong Kong citizenry" men and women to whom Hong Kong is not a community but a home—managed efficiently with an eye to wealth rather than welfare. A Chinese or European coming here usually dreams of making a city money in ten or twenty years (the usual period of sojourn) to retire either

to say, "Canton, more far" (if Chinese) or, say, Victoria, B.C. (if European). What happens to Hong Kong's future is a problem for others with meddlesome minds. This may seem a harsh judgment, but it is in order to emphasise the point that what belongs to everybody in fact belongs to nobody. Much of the money earned in Hong Kong is not put back into social undertakings here but removed to once's place of retirement, leaving the entry of fresh capital to redress the balance. Tactical administration, mild taxation and protective laws combine to promote the maxim "live and let live".

Personal Grievances The newspaper columns (the communal voice) are pervaded by means of personal grievance rather than by solicitude for public welfare.

Thus, on the one hand, the vastness of these instant poor—discouraging systematic organisation of social welfare, while on the other hand, a tradition of business buccannery encourages getting out of Hong Kong, but baggage, as soon as the pile is made.

In this bewildering scene of social incohesion it is a wonder that social work is as efficient and fruitful as it has been. But we have to accept the fact that if Hong Kong does not fundamentally plan and reorganise its social welfare patterns, it will one day be swamped by the problem of poverty and political incohesion.

The first essential, therefore, is to create a Hong Kong citizenry. By this is meant social rather than political citizenship. Any one whose residence in Hong Kong for a certain period (say, 1935) should be considered eligible for certain social benefits such as priority in education, grants in Government offices, grants in Government housing, etc. By this means, the future benefits such as the right to vote and poor law relief, if this principle becomes traditional, we shall soon secure a nucleus of Hong Kong citizens in fact as well as in name.

This principle is at present adopted in the grant of rice rations. But it should be extended to all municipal benefits, so far as this principle can be reasonably applied. By this means, the feeling will get abroad that it is worthwhile to be a "citizen". This in turn will encourage more persons to domicile in Hong Kong and so encourage them to plan and work for its future good.

### Higher Taxation

Secondly, higher taxation is likely to make the population feel that they have more at stake in the efficient management of the affairs of the Colony than their present attitude justifies them in entertaining. An efficient government includes efficiency in catering for the poor in its midst. No city can be proud of itself until hardly a single beggar is evident in its streets.

Roughly speaking, we in Hong Kong today are where England was in 1870, when the Poor Law (which we have not)—but with an increase in taxation of say five million dollars a year, it might be possible to start a system of Poor Law and/or Social Insurance provided these benefits were limited to those who could prove their residence in Hong Kong prior to (say) 1935 or ten years according to the funds available.

There are obviously many difficulties surrounding any new schemes but these need not be insuperable. If sufficient backing is given to the Social Welfare Department (especially in money and personnel) it is possible to remove from our streets a large

portion of our mendicants. Those who cannot prove long residence here should be rounded up and repatriated as is periodically done at present. The main reason for the presence of so many beggars in our midst is that they are not rounded up often, due probably to lack of staff and system.

### Five Millions

Thirdly, Government should vote another \$5,000,000 a year for the support of the work of religious and voluntary bodies engaged in social welfare. This has been done in the past and is being done at present, but without much planning and system. Money is voted mainly because (a) the work being carried on is pious and (b) the sum applied for is reasonable. But much more than this is necessary in order to ensure not only that the money is well spent but that the aided institution shall form an active and integral part of some central scheme of welfare from cradle to the grave. The following principles which are by no means exhaustive and which should not be applied indiscriminately to every case, should be followed in deciding whether financial help should be given and to what extent.

(1) No institution should be financially helped unless it possesses a responsible and active management or Executive Committee with responsible officers duly elected under an approved constitution of members of which should be lodged with the Social Welfare Officer. In addition, the aided institution should publish annually a statement of accounts for the previous year, such accounts to be audited by recognised auditors.

(2) The larger the financial help given, the greater should be the extent of supervision by the Social Welfare Officer. Similarly, when an aided institution is doing good work without sufficient efficiency, there should be more oversight by the S.W.O.

In both cases the S.W.O. or his representative should be given the right of the Executive Committee of such an institution, before financial aid is given.

### Upper Limit

(3) All Government help in money or kind should have an upper limit, in the sense that the principle of the "dollar-for-dollar" grant should, wherever possible, be followed. By this means, Government stimulates the aided institution to a measure of self-help. Too much spoon-feeding may weaken voluntary enterprise. Except in special cases, no aided institution should receive from Government more than it raises itself.

(4) Sometimes there are two or more institutions doing the same welfare work. Government can use its financial power to urge either amalgamation or co-ordination. The object is to promote greater efficiency and effectiveness. In principle, financial aid should be given to the most efficient institutions rather than indiscriminate support of all and sundry in the hope that by the weight of numbers of welfare institutions the problems of relief and social welfare may be solved.

(5) Every aided institution should adhere to the principle of giving priority of admission to those who can prove priority (in terms of residence in Hong Kong). This is one method of creating an abiding Hong Kong citizenship and of giving it a sense of unity, thereby ensuring more than it does today, continuity of Hong Kong's political existence.

### Hardly Touched

(6) The next point to note is that in most, if not all cases, the institutions whether Government or voluntary, cannot (unless greatly extended) ever hope to cater for the needs for Social Welfare. Again we are back to the question of Hong Kong issued by the Government makes very encouraging reading. The danger is that this may lull us into a sense of satisfaction which is clearly unwarranted. The existing social welfare services may be increased tenfold both in quality and in quantity and yet they will not have given the majority of the Citizens here adequate social well-being from cradle to the grave. This year a sum of about \$8,000,000 was voted for social welfare, but this hardly touches even the desperate cases of need.

(7) I would keenly urge a Commission from England to examine how best the social welfare of Hong Kong's inhabitants can be promoted and the existing Social Welfare institutions improved to meet the pressing needs of the times.

# FRANCE AND THE CRISIS

By "Scrutator"

The evils of the French variety of Parliamentary Government have seldom been more nakedly displayed than they were in the recent Cabinet collapse. Over the shadowing world was the gravest diplomatic crisis since 1939. The Russian Note received a few days before had opened France, Great Britain and the United States a situation of immediate peril, calling for unity between them all the firm action on the part of each. Precisely at that moment the French Socialists, one of the parties constituting the Cabinet's majority, thought it fitting to break away, to join the Communists. In defiance the Ministry on a vote of confidence, and so to deprive France of a Government when she could least afford to be without one.

It adds a further irony that the division was over the cost of the French Army, and what the Socialists voted for—this time of all times—was to reduce it. A curious way of replying to Russia—natural enough for the Communists, but for any party that put French patriotism above Russian how odd! The unavoidable explanation was that the French Socialists were thinking much less about the country and its danger than about their own and their danger. The municipal elections will confront them in October, and they dreaded leaving the Communists a monopoly of anything supposed to make a Left-Wing appeal. That is French party politics all over—each obsessed with vote-catching, and the coalition Cabinet, with whose interests no one of the constituent parties is prepared consistently to identify its own.

### Political Malady

The evil symptoms of this political malady are not confined to the international field; though in October, perhaps they have been most clearly shown up at crisis after crisis during the twentieth century. There are, however, two ways of diagnosing them. One, which was Hitler's and appears to be in essence also that of General de Gaulle, is to consider them as inherent in all parliamentarism as such, and therefore to replace it by a "stronger" executive, "easily sliding into a dictatorship. The other way is to ascribe them not to parliamentarism as such, but to the many-party kind of parliamentarism, which has always prevailed in France. The first diagnosis comes easily to Frenchmen with the tradition of the two Napoleons behind them. The second and truer diagnosis comes more naturally to an Englishman, who sees in his own country a quite different system of parliamentarism, working not with many parties but with two, through which most of the French evils are avoided.

Great Weapon Communism in France wields one great weapon—its influence over the trade unions. But over the nation as a whole it has now little chance of prevailing under peace conditions. It would be another matter if Russia made war and overran the country. That is what the French Communist chiefs hope, and other Frenchmen fear. It explains the anxiety of French statesmen to have every avenue of negotiation fully re-explored before allowing peace to break down—an anxiety not always easily distinguished from the "appeasement" which we recognise now as likelier to foster war than to avert it. On the military side it is difficult to judge how much can be hoped of the French Army. In 1940 it was defeated mainly through its lack of up-to-date material, especially tanks. It cannot quickly do much to remedy that, unless by obtaining material from America. But it seems that the United States has little left now to give away.

# The Man Behind The Air Lift To Berlin

Walking round Gatow Airport yesterday, followed by his Assistant Mac, was a man hardly anyone knows—the station commander, Group Captain Brian Yard, the man behind the Berlin end of the historic airlift.

He has no striking characteristics—he is neither young nor old, fat nor thin, tall nor short, has a tidy black moustache, greying hair, and a pathological horror of "lino shooting". His importance lies in the job he is doing and the way he is doing it. And the organisation at Gatow under his care is one of the most impressive and simple in the history of the R.A.F.

On Friday the number of aircraft bringing food, fuel, and relief to Berlin reached its peak with 236 planes. That means that a York or Dakota touched down every six minutes—which must have impressed the Russians who peer from time to time through the trees of the woods on the far side of the airfield where their zone begins.

Each plane taxis in quickly, and before its engines are switched off an off-load pole is swung down to off-load the cargo at a hanger. A plump British officer in an open jeep buzzes around, giving directions to the lorries and their drivers.

BY JENNY NICHOLSON  
Our Roving Reporter

German work-crews over a loud-speaker system which can be heard above the roar of aircraft engines.

On another part of the airfield were the Dakotas on the coal run. As they were unloaded, bucket seats were fixed in place, and German civilians who for one reason or another have to be flown back to the British zone piled in.

An R.A.F. man swept the coal-dust out with a broom. I said: "Can't be very nice to travel in a plane that's been carrying coal." "Oh, I don't know," he answered. "Better than being dragged potatoes—the dust that gets from them is something terrible."

Everyone is tired, but everyone is cheerful. It is obvious that they are getting satisfaction from this neat and efficiently planned operation.

From All Parts The lorry drivers, heavy-eyed after working 12 hours on, 12 hours off, followed by a 24-hour shift. The pilots are making three to four trips a day—working 12-16 hours. The maintenance crews are also working flat out.

Most of them have been flown specially from England, and some have come from bases as far away as Singapore, Karachi, and the Middle East—and are still coming.

The runway at Gatow has been extended to 2,000 yards in record time so that we can take planes of any size. It is likely that Skyways will be diverted from American-operated Tempelhof, which is breaking up a bit under the strain of the American side of the air-lift.

Not far away, on the picturesque Havel Lake, two nuns were standing on the white shore supervising a crowd of paddling children and watching the Bundesland flying-boat fly in and out from Hamburg bringing more supplies, while British and German police patrol the lake to keep the flying path clear.

All this is the work of Group Captain Yard—polite, efficient, friendly, and economical in speech—a man about whom the highest compliments have been heaped from one of his R.A.F. troops. "The station commander," he said, "he's just the job."

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# SECOND VISIT TO KREMLIN IS THERE A BEVIN IN THE BUSH?

## Western Envoys Have Long Talk With Molotov

### FOUR-POWER TALKS NEXT?

Moscow, August 6.

The envoys of the three Western powers called at the Kremlin at 5.00 p.m. today and conferred with the Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Vyacheslav Molotov, for two hours and 40 minutes.

The envoys—Mr. Frank Roberts, British special envoy, M. Yves Chataigneau, French Ambassador, and General Walter Bedell Smith, United States Ambassador—left in apparent good spirits to despatch reports to their Home Governments.

They immediately went into conference at the American Embassy. With them were Mr. Foy D. Kohler, Counsellor to the American Embassy, and Mr. Geoffrey Harrison, British Minister to Moscow.

There was no indication whether this Kremlin meeting, the first since their talk with Marshal Stalin on Monday, was to be the last before a Conference of Foreign Ministers, which reliable diplomatic sources said here last night might be held in Paris late this month or early next.

Upon the envoys' arrival at the American Embassy, General Bedell Smith told correspondents: "We saw M. Molotov, no comment."

Mr. Roberts and M. Chataigneau followed General Bedell Smith into his study, saying as they passed, "no comment."

The general feeling here this afternoon was that the negotiations in Moscow are not likely to last much longer, whether there is a full-scale meeting tonight or not. The Western envoys were believed to be anxious for a definite move of some sort as soon as possible.

#### Removing Duress

Reuter's diplomatic correspondent wrote that the Western move this evening took a fresh step forward in clearing the way for a new four-power conference on Germany "free from duress" on all sides.

Diplomatic observers in London believed that before any announcement on the proposed conference can be expected, the Soviet leaders and the Western envoys will have to agree on a formula defining the measures to be taken by both sides to remove conditions of duress. It was believed that M. Molotov may well wish to report again to Marshal Stalin while the three

#### Meeting Today?

British, United States and French envoys will hold more meetings with the Russians before any final agreements can be reached, it is believed.

Meetings are expected to take place on Sunday, informed sources say.

Today's conference with Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov was described as "very thorough." It lasted three hours. Prime Minister Stalin was not present.

It seems almost certain that the conversations will be carried over into next week. While the going has been slow, informed sources say their is good reason for optimism. The negotiations with Molotov are reported to be proceeding smoothly.

In Washington, reports that the Western Powers and Russia had agreed to announce plans this week-end for a Big Four Foreign Ministers meeting on Germany and other problems, were discounted by the State Department press officer, Mr. Michael McDermott.

"No arrangements have been made," Mr. McDermott said.

He did not, however, rule out the possibility of such a joint statement, nor did he deny that a meeting of the Big Four Foreign Ministers would be held soon—Reuter and Associated Press.

### Zone Cabinet Resigns

Bonn, August 6. The Government of the French Zone State of South West Germany, the German news service, DPA, reported tonight.

It was no longer able to bear responsibility in view of the unyielding attitude of the French occupation authorities in matters of disarmament, it added—Reuter.

Thirteen Labour advisers of the Colonial Office are conducting an intensive "find the leader" hunt among the 62,000,000 people of Britain's 3,000,000 square miles of colonial territory.

By GRAHAM STANFORD

and British Guinea for men who can be trained as responsible trade union leaders. For through-out these tropical territories an industrial revolution is at hand and men are needed to ensure that the revolution takes place peacefully.

In Africa thousands of tribesmen leave their little plots of land to take new work to drive tractors in the groundnut country; to hew new-found deposits of coal; to labour on the Government's big new development schemes.

For the first time money begins to mean something to these men. Barter belongs to their past. They are beginning to talk in terms of wage-rates and output per man-hour.

But only a small percentage have the vaguest conception of trade union principles. They are easy prey for the eloquent agitator. In Kenya alone last year there were 80 labour disputes, including a general strike at the Mombasa port involving 1,600 African workers.

This colony's population has risen from 2,500,000 to 4,000,000 in the past 20 years, and at the same time the fertility of the soil has decreased. So thousands of Africans turn to the towns and the secondary industries which must be established if the colony is to progress.

Anticipating this migration of workers, the Colonial Office expands its Labour department; sends out more trained advisers to show the people the way to a working system of collective bargaining.

These advisers are carefully appointed in co-operation with the T.U.C. and the Ministry of Labour. One of their main jobs is to find the Ernest Bevin of the Bush and to teach them all they know.

Two coloured trade union chiefs—Mr. Moses, of the Nigerian T.U.C., and Mr. Stevens, of the United Mineworkers' Union—were now in Britain making a special study of the trade union system.

After some early doubts employers now welcome the scheme. When I was last in West Africa thousands of tin miners were on strike on the Nigerian plateau. They were led by a man who had but the haziest notion of what trade unionism meant.

#### Half-Baked Ideas

One British mining chief told me: "We'd welcome a really responsible union with which to deal. At present they've only got a half-baked idea of what it's all about. And a little knowledge is a dangerous thing."

Chief Labour adviser at the Colonial Office is Mr. E. W. Barltrop; one of his assistants is Mr. E. Barry. Barltrop was a Regional Controller in the Labour Ministry and Barry spent five hot, hard years as Labour Commissioner in Sierra Leone.

### U.S. Of Europe

## THREAT OF COMMUNISM MAY BRING IT ABOUT

New York, August 7.

For close to 150 years idealistic statesmen have dreamed of and laboured for a united states of Europe, but ironically enough it has taken the frightful monstrosity of Communism to start this vision on its way to partial materialisation.

"That seems like a queer twist of fate, but perhaps it is not so strange after all. Atheists turn to prayer in extremities, and men of many minds band together for mutual defence in time of danger. Now Western Europe has

started a swing towards a confederation of democracies which is the making of concessions in sovereignty for the common welfare.

There were two further notable indications of this trend this week.

Italy's free thinking, outspoken Foreign Minister, Count Carlo Sforza, stated that in order to effect a European union his country is ready to take the lead in accepting "curtailment of its political sovereignty, even in the most unexpected aspects." About the same time French Finance Minister Paul Reynaud said he hoped Britain would cordially support a united states of Europe next autumn, after the dominions conference in London.

#### E.R.P. The Nucleus

There is no indication of whether these two statements were coincidental or concerted. In any event they aim at the same objective.

Time may demonstrate that America's European recovery project provided the nucleus for a united states of Western Europe—and perhaps finally of all Europe in days to come after Communism has run its course and the continent as a whole has returned to freedom.

Italy's adherence to the Western European bloc so openly is a striking development in view of her powerful Communist Party which at one time seemed about to deliver her into the hands of Moscow—Associated Press.

## BREAKING UP OF FARBEH EMPIRE

Frankfurt, August 6.

British and American authorities set out today to chop the giant I. G. Farben chemical cartel to pieces.

Their plans were intended not only to break up the billion dollar trust but to keep it that way.

"One of the objectives of military Government in the combination economic area (Bizonia) is that the I. G. Farben empire shall not be reconstructed," an announcement said.

"The independent units that are to be established will be required to operate independently and in competition with each other in accordance with the requirements and as part of the overall economic German industrial programme."

Scores of Farben plants are to be offered for sale soon. One U.S. officer estimated the number at about 50 but said he did not have the exact figure.

Sales of the properties—now split into independent units, by

the Four Power order—will be carried out by German authorities.

For the time being, the sales will affect only properties in the British and American zones but French authorities have been notified and are expected to follow suit—Associated Press.

### LUTHERANS TO MEET

The Hague, August 6.

Representatives of the Lutheran World Church will meet near Ede on August 14 for an exchange of views before attending the World Conference of Churches beginning in Amsterdam eight days later—Reuter.

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## CAUSE OF CAT AIR CRASH

Shanghai, August 7. The China Press today quoted an unnamed eye-witness as saying that locked flight controls caused the July 29 crash of a Cessna CAT plane at Tsingtao.

The American pilot and 18 Chinese were killed. Two locks on the control had not been removed when the plane took off, an eye-witness said. One fell off as the plane started to roll, he said, and the other was found near the wreckage following the crash.

Joseph Robert, director of operations for the American-owned and operated airline, confirmed the one lock was found near the wreckage. He said that the other had not been found. Robert had charged the plane had been sabotaged. It was carrying 6,000 pounds of ammunition to troops in besieged Tsinan, capital of Shantung—Associated Press.

## COLOSSAL HOAX ON PEOPLE

Manila, August 7.

The Manila Chronicle today strongly attacked the Government for alleged keeping secret an agreement with SCAP last year for the resumption of trade with Japan.

"As far as is generally known, the Republic still is in the process of determining exactly what its attitude should be on the question of trade resumption with the former enemy."

"The startling revelation that we already had agreed to resume trading with Japan completely changes the picture. The question resolves itself into something merely academic, unless of course the agreement is ineffective, or all needs ratification."

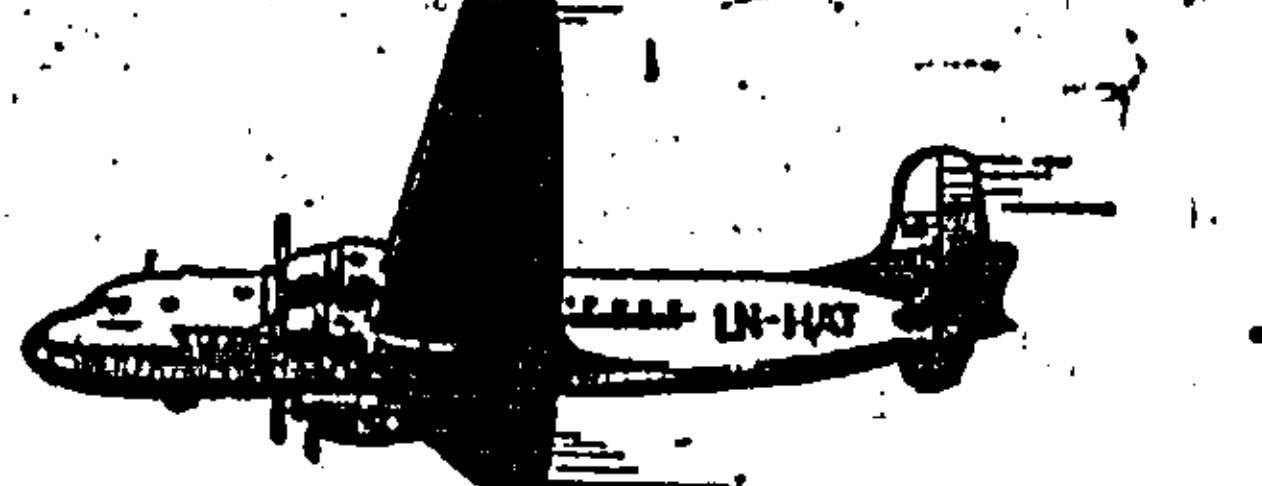
"A colossal hoax has been perpetrated on the people," United Press.

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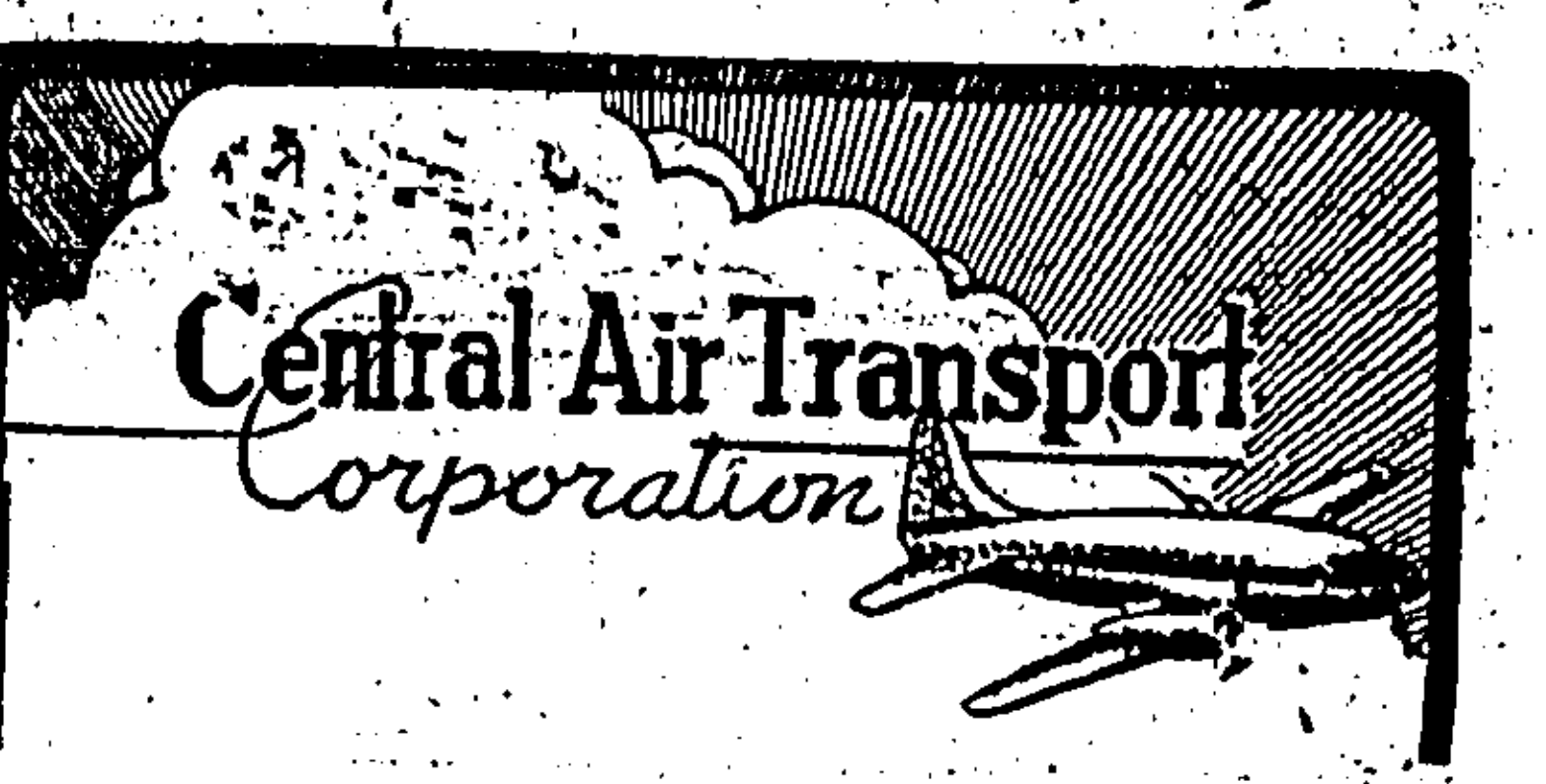
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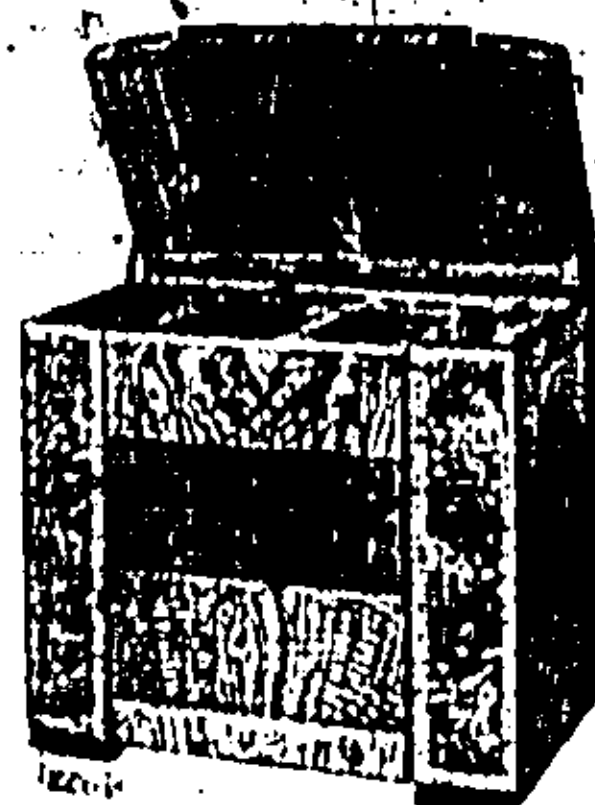
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## HOME THOUGHTS FROM ABROAD

In Peatling Magna, which is only about a mile from Peatling Parva, they have a concert orchestra which, even if it hasn't seriously challenged the London Philharmonic boys—yet!—is not bad in the "Blue Danube" (rehearsed at the last church fete on the lawn of the Vicarage), "Anchors Aweigh," "Melody in F," a piece composed by the conductor, Jed Hoskins, called "Florent Peatling Magna," and the perennial favourite of the trombone player, young Frank Blossom, "March of the Gladiators."

The Peatling Magna Village Orchestra is not large one, although it takes up a lot of space every Saturday at the Village Institute, where it starts off with "My Heart is Like a Singing Bird" (soloist, Miss Ruby Tucker from the neighbourhood), "The Plough and Sickle" (the only "foreigner" in the group), and finishes off after 10 p.m., when the "Plough and Sickle" just around the corner, has closed its door, with "My Heart Belongs to Daddy," thanks to the versatility of young Jack Glenon, crowd in hand, who produces a couple of saxophones from under their chairs and wear out the soles of their shoes with rhythmic beats of their feet.

The M. C., old Frank Newman from the village store and Post Office combined, yells out: "Take your partners for a fox-trot," and before you can say "Will you have this one?" you find that young Doris Pickersleed, apple of the eye of old Frank Pickersleed over at Homebury's Farm, is dancing in the arms of that lost Bill Grainger, city slicker from Lutworth, which has a population of 7,000 inhabitants. And so you watch the Peatling Magna Village Orchestra, now transformed from a serious threat to the Sir Thomas Beecham crowd into an equally threatening menace to the exalted position of Guy Lombardo, Harry James or, when the beer works its way in, Cab Calloway, or even the great Duke himself.

There was talk of bringing in young Lucy Forrest, a new arrival in the village, on the cello. But, after long and serious deliberations and after three try-outs with the boys, it was decided to let her stick to solo work. It had to be. You couldn't have the lady starting at her instead of the music and finishing three bars behind old Jed every danged piece. But, I must say that Lucy wasn't bad in motion. She certainly had style, that girl. Anyway, Lucy's doing solo, which is better for the lads as they can now concentrate their minds on her without the bother of having to

Had To Be

Hard Taskmaster

But, let's get back to the Peatling Magna Village Orchestra. Old Jed Hoskins, who learnt to play the cornet in the Salvation Army Lads' Band, in the neighbouring town of Bugby and went to the "Gladstones" heights as soloist in the Steam Shed Silver Prize Band, by virtue of his being employed on the railway, which supports the band, is now a conductor of no mean ability.

He's a hard taskmaster, though. There are band practices twice a week, when the old repertoire is polished up and a couple of new pieces tried out. And, we bet the lads are on night duty at Fowler's electrical plant; where some of them work. "Old Jed, who likes his pint of 'old and mild,' is a strict taskmaster on these occasions. 'Can't afford to set a bad example to the lads,' he says. 'And you can't tongue 'Hearts and Flowers' with a bellyful of beer.' And right he is, too."

Take the case of young Henry Page, crossed in love by Maggie Woods, paragon over at the Hall, who turned bitter and went

glance at the music in front of them now and again.

The great occasion for the orchestra is, of course, Peatling Magna's annual fete and gala in old Lutworth Cottage Hospital, when the cream of the neighbouring places that play in to try its hand at lucky dips, climbing the greasy pole (first prize a real pig), clock golf, darts (run by the village champion, Ned Sparks), and a hundred and one other games of skill.

Clad in blue blazers and white flannels—old Jed, as befits his position, wears a dinner jacket and bow tie (never mind the weather!)—the orchestra looks a picture as it sits in stately rows on the stage, waiting for Mrs.

Penelope Lousingworth-French, wife of the local "Aga Khan," to "declare this fete open."

And, when the ceremony is concluded and Artie Earnshaw has stuttered his way through a vote of thanks and little Peggy Smith has curtsied nicely with a bouquet of geraniums (donated by old Seth James), old Jed and his boys really come into their own.

While the younger visitors arise and take themselves off to the various side-shows around the spacious lawn, their time will be taken by the old Jed, who, as a few instructions as the tunes process start, meanwhile, the older folk settle down in their chairs, look over their programmes and get ready for a nice hour and a half of "good music," as opposed to the "bad music," that the young 'uns like.

Stately Bow

Old Jed, after giving a few, final taps at his solo, gravely turns around and surveys his audience. A stately bow to the Vicar and his wife, who are in the front row, an equally stately about-turn, a couple of sharp-taps on his stand with his baton, and silence descends over the stage. Expectantly the audience sits back, quietly, eagerly.

Slowly, the instruments are raised. A few seconds' delay while Frank Wrothspoon tunes his "E" string, which has slipped flat and while Frank Hoskings seizes the opportunity to tie his left shoe, which has come undone, and the lads are ready. Old Jed, surveys them once again, slowly raises his baton—and, presto! they're off into the rousing strains of that perennial opener, "March of the Gladiators," while the audience tips its feet and squirms in ecstasy.

Tumultuous applause greets the final flourish of old Jed, who turns round and bows with the donchallant air of one used to public acclaim. Another tuning up process. Old Jed tugs his collar again, turns over the music on his stand and, with a paternal glance at his lads, taps twice a few flourishes and the orchestra, as well into "Hearts and Flowers."

Again tumultuous applause. The process is repeated through the "Blue Danube," "Florent Peatling Magna," which earns the loudest applause of all, "Melody in F," "Anchors Aweigh," and, as the piece draws to its close, a new piece, assiduously practiced, "In a Persian Market." Old Jed bows with a stately flourish. Sensing his success, with innate showmanship he waves his arm towards the orchestra and the applause is deafening. Slowly, the instruments are put away, the crowd rises to its feet, and old Jed leads his men to the refreshment tent, where they do hearty justice to steaming cups of tea and the tasty

cakes and sandwiches provided for them by the ladies' committee.

Remains Aloof

With a mouthful of ham and tongue, old Jed seizes the opportunity to lecture his lads before their next public appearance, which is due to commence promptly at 8 p.m. on the lawn in the event of wet weather this chance will be transferred to the Village Hall. After tea, the members of the orchestra mingle with the crowd and try their hand at skittles, bowls, the coconut shell clock golf, darts and the other games of skill. Meanwhile old Jed, in his position, remains aloof and goes over to talk to the Vicar about next Saturday's concert in aid of the Girls' Friendly Society.

And as the sun sets over the rolling hills and green fields of this pleasant spot in the heart of England, the fairly hitherto have brought out and fixed the stately trees that surround the lawn. Only the busy buzzing of the insects and the sigh of the breeze through the leafy trees are heard as the "little lights" twinkle and shine in the gathering dusk.

"Group of friends" of youngsters gather at the edge of the lawn. Animate, they talk at the lawn, followed by his boys, walk onto the boards that will serve as a stage. They are joined by Frank Newman, "replenished" in best little and a stiff collar. A hurried consultation with Jed, and Frank goes to the "box" of the stage, where he solemnly surveys the lawn, while the boys with his experiences feet.

Once again, the tuning up process. Jack, Glenon and Tom Ward, that versatile pair, produce the saxophones and young Tom Olfert, sits himself down behind his traps, which contain all the most modern aids to good rhythm. This time, lads down his baton in favour of the trumpet—Peatling Magna's Harry James.

Ready Now

Old Frank looks back expectantly. Jed surveys his boys. They're ready now. Old Joe Holingsworth has exchanged his brass bass for a stringed double. He plucks it and listens. A slight twist of the peg and it's in tune again. Jed says "Are you ready?" The lads nod. And, with trumpet under arm, Jed turns round and relays the nod to Frank.

In turn, Frank surveys the crowd around the lawn, steps out a few paces and, in a loud voice, says: "Gentlemen, take your partners for a quick-step." Jed taps his feet four times and the boys are off into the strains of "Don't beat around the bush, honey," which the lads of the village certainly do not do as they grab the village maidens and moan around this lawn.

And, from quick-steps to waltzes, and waltzes to fox-trots. There's even a tango or two, although most of the dancers fox-trot it out. And, in a special concession to the old folks, Frank announces a valse, which is enclosed several times.

At 9.30 p.m. there's an interval and Jed and his boys ho themselves off to the "Plough and Sickle," to pick up their larynxes before tackling the rest of the programme, which will carry them through to 11.30 p.m.

Meanwhile, the old moon surveys the animated scene through gaps in the trees and the little fairy lanterns twinkle in the light breeze. There is romance abroad, holding hands and cuddling under the trees. It only needs old Jed and his boys and a few waltzes to start a real love-fest. Don't worry, he'll soon be back—just as soon as he's downed that pint of mild and bitter. Dry work, conducting, you know.

Money's Worth

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## SNAGS IN STATE DOCTORING

State medicine, six weeks old, has already given the doctor plenty to think about. The doctor is looking hardest at his old private patients who have turned State patients. To date more than 18,000,000 people have changed over.

In pre-Bonan days there were 22,000,000 people "on the panel" and 28,000,000 private patients. Today there are 41,200,000 State patients and 8,800,000 private ones.

(The Minister of Health estimated that about 2,500,000 would stay outside the health service and continue as P.P.s.)

After six weeks, this is what Doctor A, whose practice on the outskirts of London covers a good cross-section of patients, reports about the new scheme.

The Little List

The immediate trouble, he says, are the neurotics, these bolly nuisances who are always imagining they are ill.

"No State doctor wants them on his new list, and their howls of dismay have reached Westminster. When we could charge them 10s. for a time we put up with them, let them weep out their imaginary woes on our shoulders, counselled them to be brave, and gave them bottles of coloured water or fancy powders."

But most of them have leapt at the new scheme, and will the extra work that is in prospect no doctor can afford to put up with them—not at 3d. a week.

Few people, especially the neurotics, appear to realise that under the Act a doctor can refuse, without giving any reason, to have any particular person on his list.

Doctor A has already realised that unless his standard of living is to drop appreciably, he must keep on some private patients.

Nearly 1,700 of the P.P.s he and his partner shared have become S.P.s. They now share their work at least six days a week. State of about £20 a week—gross.

"Allow for large overheads, a house big enough to have a surgery and waiting-room, help, a car, and a big telephone bill, and that £20 shrinks a lot."

The Lucky Ones

"And yet we are lucky. Outside a few big city and town practices, the average doctor is getting about £22 a week gross from the State. For that he has seven years' costly training, and works at least six days a week. Most of us must try to keep private patients."

Doctor A listed some of the things that have shown up in six weeks of State medicine: "An amazing number of people have been holding back for the new scheme to get free spectacles. Many who could well afford to continue as private patients have 'signed on' but still expect the services they used to get. Next to the neurotics the State doctors are nettled most by the better-off S.P.s who intend to jump outside the scheme the moment an emergency arises—that is, to order their G.P. to 'lay on,' regardless of cost, a specialist and a private ward."

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for he to be called in, and the Regional Hospital Board (if the mother has to go to hospital).

Doctor A has six impending confinements. One is a P.P., three are new S.P.s but are stopping outside the scheme for their babies, and two are old panel patients who are having State babies.

There is an excellent ambulance service in his district run by two men with one ambulance. There are now to be two ambulances and a staff of two drivers and maintenance men.

The Ill And Old

Dr. A says there will have to be changes in the fees: "15s. a year is reasonable for healthy adults, but it is not reasonable for babies and old people who require a lot more attention."

A practitioner who has a lot of old people in his area cannot possibly doctor them and put in all the visits they need compared with the doctor in an industrial area.

Some of the other fees simply baffle the doctors. For example, if a doctor is called in by a dentist to give an anaesthetic he gets 10s. when one to three teeth are extracted, but 2s. if there are four extractions, even though the patient having one difficult extraction may be under a gas longer than the patient having four teeth out.

And hospitals clamouring for married nurses to take the day-do part-time duty offer them 12s. 6d. an hour, but pay hospital floor sweepers 2s. 6d.

Stage Club Programme

Apart from its radio work, the Hong Kong Stage Club has of late shown little sign of activity, but plans are now being made for the coming season.

One of six or seven plays will be presented in the Theatre of the China Fleet Club at intervals of about seven weeks.

The programme of plays will be varied for the season will open on October 14 with Noel Coward's "Billie Split," which will be followed by a modern "thriller" soon after Christmas. It is hoped to present stage versions of "Treasure Island" and then one of the local examination, Shakespeare's "Set Books," probably "Twelfth Night." There will certainly be one modern farce during the season, and if it is practicable, an Ibsen drama will also be included.

With such a programme tentatively proposed, and with so many of the Club leaving the Colony, new members are very urgently needed, especially those who are interested or experienced in the technical side of production, such as stage and business management and decor artists.

A general meeting to consider the draft constitution of the Club will be held on Tuesday, August 10, 1948, at 8 p.m. in the Mission to Seamen, and prospective members who are interested should either attend this meeting or write to the Secretary, The University of Hong Kong.

AUSSIE DEMAND FOR PONGEE

Shanghai, August 7.

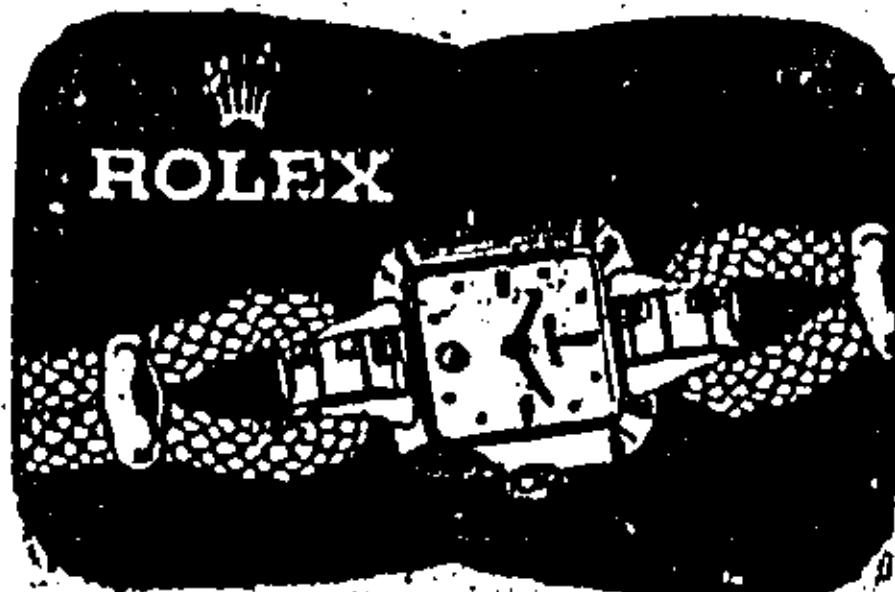
The state-owned China Silk Corporation here is making arrangements to send samples of Chinese pongee to Australia for sale, following reports from an agent in Sydney that there is a growing demand for the material "down under."

Officials of the Silk Corporation, which is the parent of the kind in China, reported that the demand for Chinese pongee would be readily absorbed by Australia.

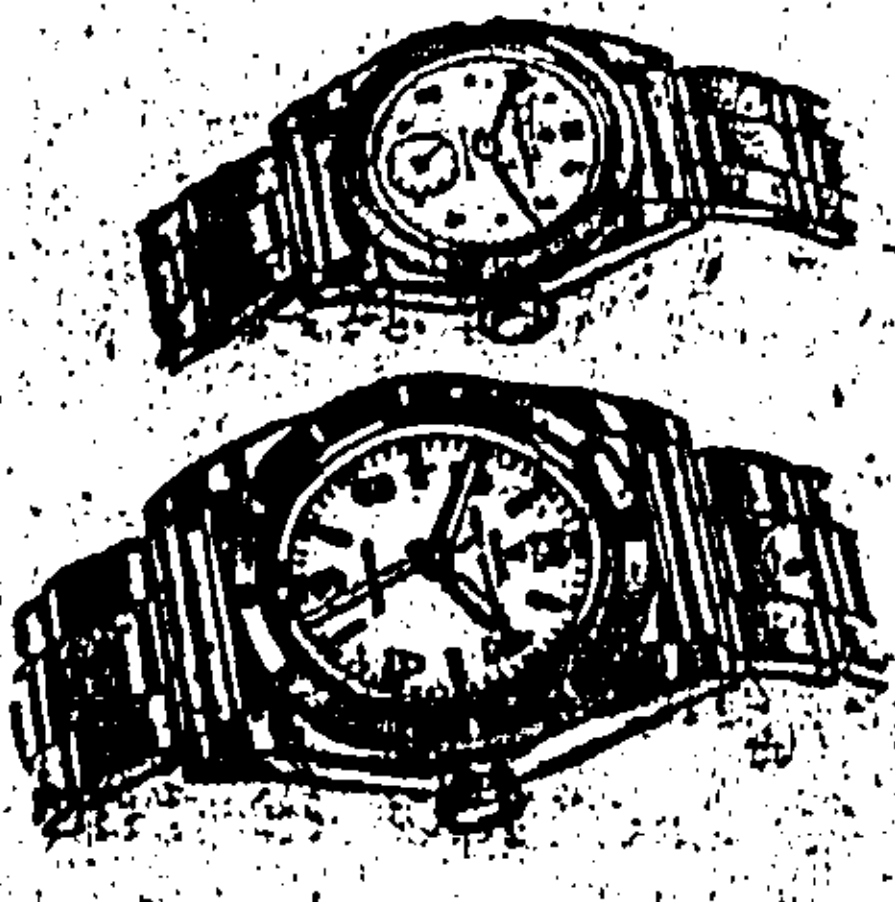
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# "FORCE BEST"--ABDULLAH

## Arab King's Reaction To Peace Offer

### Key To Solution Is The Refugee Problem

Amman, August 6. King Abdullah, asked for comment on the Jewish request for a peace conference, said, "I am concerned today only with the problem of those who were driven from their homes"—an estimated 300,000 Arab refugees.

"No doubt we should, as we have said several times, try to find a satisfactory solution. The Arab point of view at Lake Success, a view that we have declared before, is known. Force is the best."

"But I am concerned today only with the problem that blocks every just and moderate intention. I believe every problem is related to it."

"Naturally, we should not concentrate all these refugees in one particular place. The question must be a general one for all Arab states. This is the key to finding a solution for all complicated viewpoints," said the text of the King's written reply to correspondents.

In Rhodes, Count Folke Bernadotte said he had transmitted to the Arabs the Jews' invitation to talk about a permanent Palestine peace.

The Count, upon his return from a six days trip to Transjordan, Jerusalem, Egypt and Israel, also announced that he had postponed until later in August his departure to Stockholm to attend the International Red Cross meeting.

"I am still optimistic. I think the truth will be kept and we will finally get a solution," the United Nations mediator told a press conference.

#### Proposals Dropped

All proposals for the future of Jerusalem have been dropped, a United Nations spokesman attached to the office of Count Bernadotte said in Haifa.

Sniping continues in the city and additional observers have hurried there because of "tense situation," he added.

On July 23 the United Nations Trusteeship Council decided to postpone "indefinitely" any further discussion on a statute for Jerusalem.

Three days before, the Israeli Government had proclaimed the new city, with an estimated 100,000 population, as Israeli occupied territory.

Meanwhile, the United Nations took the first active survey of the Arab refugee problem inside Palestine today with the journey of two officers to Nazareth. The UNESO representative, Sir Raphael Opento and the UN Tel Aviv chief, John Reedman, in-

## Television Plans In Australia

Canberra, August 7. Tenders are to be called for the supply and installation by the Government of television transmitters and receivers in six capital cities.

A reliable source said that the initial cost will probably touch £440,000.

This follows recommendations by Mr. L. B. Fanning, Director General of Posts and Telegraphs, and others, who recently toured the United States and Europe investigating television developments.

He said that despite the heavy cost, Australia could not afford to delay indefinitely the adoption of television. He pointed out that television was becoming increasingly important in modern defenses.

Tenders for six transmitters and 500 receivers were recommended.—United Press.

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## FLOOD CONTROL IN ORIENT

### East River Damage

Canton, August 6. Belated reports of damage caused by the recent typhoon in the East River area of Kwangtung stated that 100 lives were lost and some 200 vessels sunk in the Miao and Blas Bay areas—just outside Hong Kong's territorial waters.

The latest reports also said that 500 small craft went to the bottom of the East River.—Reuter.

practically throughout the city. Civilian areas were not hit but the front lines of both sides were under fire, reports said.—Associated Press and Reuter.

## REPTILES OF HONG KONG (4)

# SEA-SNAKES

By J.D. ROMER, F.Z.S.

Not even one may be aware that, apart from the legendary prehistoric "sea-serpents," there is a present-day family of snakes (Hydrophillidae), the majority of which spend their entire life in tropical salt waters and are unable to survive on land. With the exception of a single species which inhabits the freshwater of Lake Taal on Luzon, all are marine, though some are known to travel for many miles inland in tidal rivers. Although breathing by lungs as land-snakes do, these marine reptiles are wonderfully adapted for their mode of life and usually possess comparatively small heads, slender fore-bodies and laterally compressed hind-bodies, terminating in an extremely flat, short, fin-like tail. In coloration and markings they vary quite a lot, but are usually darker on the upper surface than below, and often marked with dark transverse bands or rings round the body. The majority of species grow to only three or four feet in length, though a few are known to reach as much as six or even eight feet.

All the snakes of this family are venomous, some very highly so, but it is fortunate that as a general rule they are inoffensive in disposition and seldom, if ever, attack human beings. I am not aware of any cases of bathers being bitten, sometimes with fatal chances of this are very remote indeed. Specimens many sometimes be stranded ashore, however, and when trodden on or otherwise subjected to physical suffering they are naturally inclined to bite; it is probably occasional instances of this kind that are the cause of people being bitten, sometimes with fatal results. Unfortunately, no specific anti-venom serum has ever been prepared for the treatment of these bites and it is necessary to carry out very prompt and efficient first aid measures in an attempt to save life.

About six species of sea-snakes have been recorded from Hong Kong waters, though several of these may be rare or only occasional visitors. What appears to be by far the commonest of these is the Chittul (Hydrophis cyanocinctus), one of the largest

species known. Since some of the snakes of this genus are extremely poisonous, this one is likely to be also, though the few individuals I have handled made no attempt to bite. It may be of interest to mention that the Chinese in Hong Kong



make use of sea-snakes for what they believe to be a cure for rheumatism. The snakes are sold in the dried state and then, I am told, usually boiled in either Chinese wine or vinegar, which

this species is particularly common. The venom of this snake has been found by laboratory experiment to be considerably more deadly than that of the cobra.

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## BERLIN OPTIMISM ON THE BLOCKADE

Berlin, August 6. Increased confidence was expressed in Berlin today by high British and American officials that the Russian blockade of the western sectors of the capital would be ended shortly as news of the fresh Western move in Moscow became known. None of the German railway staff has gone on holiday in case the blockade is lifted suddenly, a British official at the Helmstedt frontier station said, and four trains loaded with coal were waiting there ready to start for Berlin.

The Russian refusal to unlock the frozen Eastern market accounts of Western sector firms tonight forced the Western Military-Governors to grant big Western marks credits to firms which could not pay their wage bills. The firms will be able to draw up to 100 Western marks for each employee. Banks in the Western sectors of Berlin will stay open on Sunday to pay out the money. The firms will not be allowed to draw a total in Western marks greater than their blocked Eastern mark holdings.

A British spokesman stated erroneously last night that the Russians had unblocked these accounts at the same time as they granted the City Administration 25 million marks, to meet their pressing wage bill. The Soviet-sponsored police chief, Colonel Paul Markgraf, earlier today issued a proclamation warning Berliners who co-operated with the Western-sponsored police headed by Dr. Stumm that they would still be in Berlin after the Western powers had gone.

"Should Remember" The instigators of the plan to split the police force know that at the right time they will be taken away to the West," he said. "Those who co-operate with them should remember that they will have to stay in Berlin, and that Berlin forms part of the Soviet zone."

A spokesman of the Western-sponsored police headquarters admitted today that the split in the police force had made it very difficult to fight crime in the city. "All criminal records and fingerprints are in the old police headquarters in the Soviet sector and we have no communication with the Soviet police," he said. The four policemen from the Western sectors who were arrested by the Russian-controlled police when they drove into the

city cited 62 offences in the air corridors by Anglo-American planes of the air safety regulations between July 31 and August 4. The violations "will have serious consequences for which the violators are apparently ready to accept the responsibility," it added.

The bureau alleged that in May the Americans issued measures, which were laid down in special instructions, against a Soviet machine which was flying over the American zone, down a permitted route.

These instructions allow for a plane to be forced down if it flies over prohibited areas, the bureau alleged.

Western circles here regarded this reference as a hint that the Russians might force down British and American planes which broke flight regulations.—Reuter.

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# 250,000 ENGLISHMEN INVADE EIRE

Nearly 250,000 English people have settled in Eire since 1945.

Numbers vary from 2 to 25 new householders per square mile according to the amenities of the district, although there is not a far corner along the southern seaboard even to the Mizen Head or a wooded crag in Northern Donegal that has not been reached by the invasion.

Alarmed by the transfer of land (for Eire's population is only 2,000,000 strong), the Eire Government imposed a 25 per cent stamp duty on the price paid for each property, to be discharged by the purchaser before taking possession.

## Small Man's Eden

Thus, if a place sold for £4,000, the cost to the buyer is £5,000, plus the agent's commission of 5 per cent—always paid by the purchaser in Ireland—i.e. £5,200.

Despite these surcharges, buying continues at soaring prices, either by combines taking over vast acreages in County Clare and islands in the Kenmare river, or, and mainly, in the purchase of small estates by retired Servicemen, homecoming Anglo-Indians, and pensioned Civil Servants.

Eire holds prospects of a garden of Eden for the man or woman with small savings and a fixed income. It is not only that income tax is 7s. instead of 6s. in the £, and that relief from tax is greater than in England; it is that every inducement towards enterprise, especially in the development of land, is pro-

vided by an encouraging Government.

## All-Round Grants

There are sliding-scale grants towards building roads, houses, cattle-sheds, towards pedigree stock-rearing; guaranteed fixed-price markets for all agricultural produce.

There are a minimum agricultural wage officially fixed at 55s. a week, which no farm-hand demands, being better content to work all hours every day of the year.

## BY WINIFRED LORRAINE

work for 20s. and food, and a £60 fowl-house free to every owner of 100 hens—the gift of Britain, say the Irish, following the trade talks.

Reafforestation is the heaviest liability a landowner has to meet. An acre has to be planted for every acre felled. But the Government gives £10 to every £17 cost of this.

Newly built houses are either rate-free for the first three years or only a third of the rate due, are paid over a number of years. These are only a few of the concessions.

It is not surprising that the land-hunger crosses to Eire with high hopes, and plunges life savings into a venture where it appears impossible for plans to fail.

In fact, how do the English settlers fare?

A hard question, for the lapse of years since 1945 has been too

short for an adequate return to be shown against the expense of settling, but many are already at the end of their resources, although the Irish have proved friendly and willing to work for them.

In the case of large tracts of land, adverse weather conditions have stripped the compulsory sowings of oats and wheat of their profits.

## Back To Cattle

Except for last summer, when crops were garnered in brilliant sunshine, rarely more than half

a county record. An agent is used.

## Back To Digging

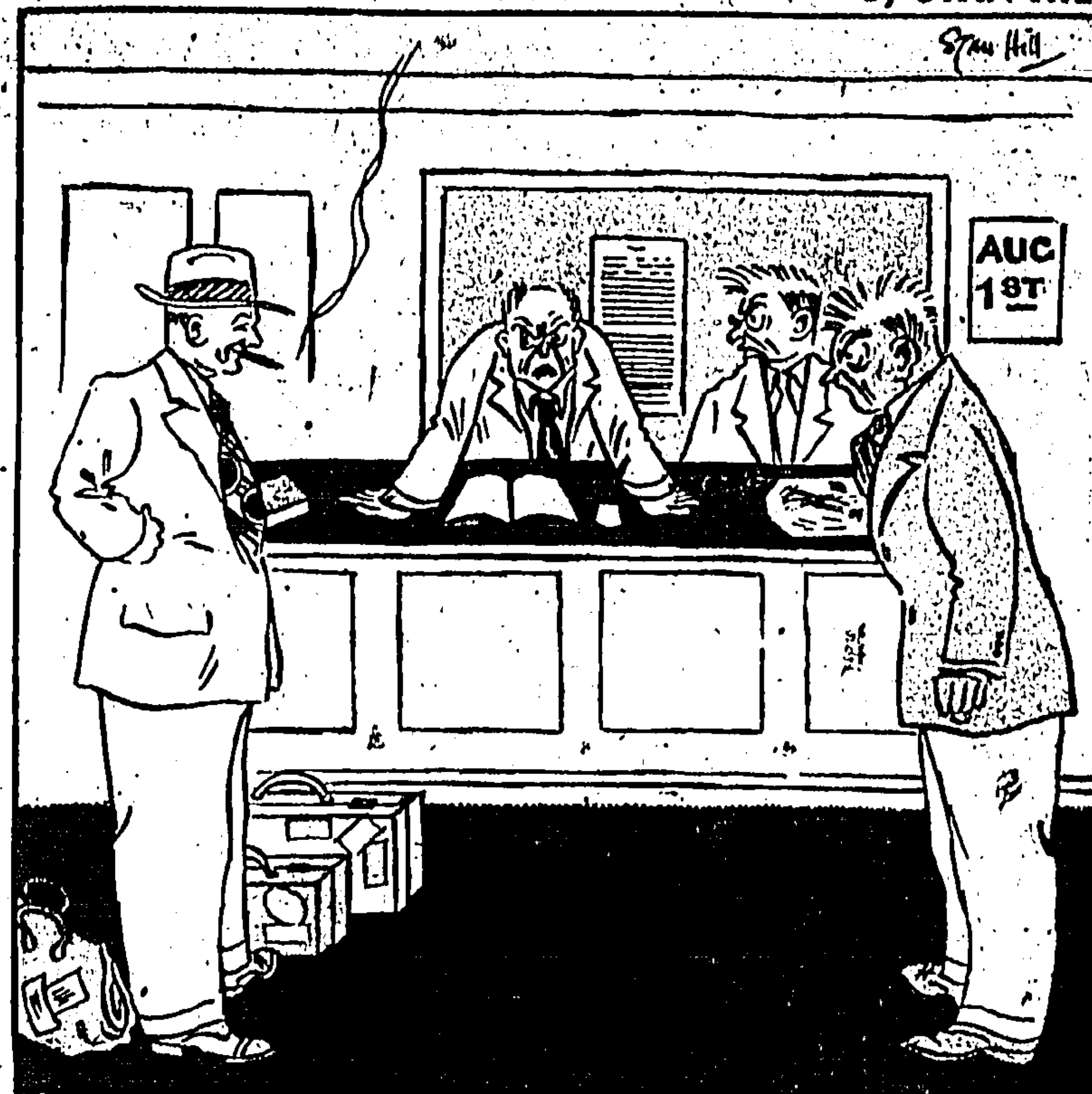
In every way the settler pays and pays, until what should be a productive concern on the best land in the district is an efficient outflowing drain.

Similarly, the man who has had only £1,000-£2,000 to spend finds that what is spared, by lower income tax on his pension is taken up by a higher cost of living unless he can make his cottage holding pay.

There are only two normal ways of surviving in Eire. One is by fleeing the tourist, in which the Irish hold all the strong points. The other is by cultivating the peasantry who never stir from their land, who never spend either, unless they have surplus butter and eggs to barter for sugar, candles, and tea.

And since it is impossible for the English settler to live in this indigenous style, he must, stir and work the land.

But no soil will give more than has been put into it, and as a little has been put in for so long into Eire soil, digging, will be arduous and deep before there is any come-back.



# PATRICK CAMPBELL'S PIECE

Everything all set for trouser pressing. The ironing board out, iron heating gently, bowl of sugar and water close by small sponge at the ready.

I laid the right leg along the board and damped it carefully with the sugar and water. I've never had much faith in the sugar and water—if you want a real stiffener, why not use water and glue?—but at least it seems to do no harm.

I picked up the iron. A lot of people test iron by holding them against their faces. I should do this too, if I was going to iron my face, or if my face was made of heavy pink tweed. As it is I just drive straight ahead.

I pressed the iron firmly on to the right trouser leg, just above the turn-up. There was a hiss of steam. I snatched up the iron. I couldn't believe it. There was a large brown burn right along the crease.

I put the iron back on the imitation asbestos mat. Gradually rising panic. But such an obvious accident! I couldn't really believe it had happened. But what to do with an ironing accident?

My mind was beginning to give way. Then I remembered the household encyclopedia.

I rushed into the kitchen. The drawer with the corked skewers, the tea-cosy! There it was.

I fled through the pages. Turkey—Turnip—Tops—Tomatoes—Tooth Brush—Trousers!

Trousers, to save. "Sew a piece of wide tape or a piece of material inside the bottom of each leg, where the shoe rubs to prevent the cuff becoming frayed. Fold carefully in their proper creases every night."

It took me a moment or two to realise that this had nothing to do with Trousers, scorched. But next on the list was Umbrellas, to care for.

Scorched! Scorched! Quickly. Sardines—Sausages—Savoury Balls—Saws—Scorch Marks, to remove.

"Peel and crush an onion, mix it with 4-plait vinegar, 2ozs. washing soda, and 2ozs. fuller's earth. Boil it for ten minutes, strain, bottle, and cork. Spread a little on the mark, let it dry, and repeat the process as often as necessary."

I looked at it dully. Fuller's earth. Boil for ten minutes. It seemed too large an enterprise. And, in any case, there were no onions. No fuller's earth, if it came to that.

I looked idly down the page. Scratches on furniture. "Mix be rendered almost invisible by the application of iodine."

Interesting. I turned the page. Semolina—Shantung—Shampoo—Sheets.

I turned back to Shantung. Shantung. "Should be ironed pepper-dry to make it soft and like new."

Pepper-dry. That was something. How dry is pepper? Is dry pepper drier than dry salt? How deep is the ocean—how dry is the sky?

I sat down on the garbage bucket and put my foot on the sink. I opened the household encyclopedia at Page One.

Acid—Drops—Acne—Acquaintance (Household)—Acetylene—Afternoon Tea-Party.

I read right through Afternoon Tea-Party. Twenty lines. "Invite a definite number of friends, not too many for comfort. Late arrivals should not be waited for, but more tea should be made for them without fuss. When a guest is leaving the maid will give her her coat and umbrella, and she should not close the door until the visitor is well away. Conversation at afternoon

ten-parties should be about things not persons."

This was not the half of it. But imagine maida having to wait, with snow, like a not-blowing-in-through-the-front-door, until the guest is well away! Nip their finger in the door is what I say.

I read on Banana Skins, the inside of. "May be used for cleaning brown boots and shoes."

I simply do not credit that the inside of banana skins can be used for cleaning brown boots and shoes. One hard brush, a soft brush, a clean cloth, and a reliable polish are the materials for the job, and don't believe anything else.

Bath, soothing—see Bran. Bamboo Furniture, to clean.

Beetroot, wounded. Wounded beetroot? Wait a minute. "Wounds on beetroot can be sealed before boiling by applying a red-hot poker."

But how sad. A wounded beetroot, probably having lost a lot of blood, gets a red-hot poker applied to the gash, still open, and is then plunged into boiling water. The kitchen, red in tooth and claw.

Charades—Chocolate—Chromium—China—Chalmers—Chicken. My attention began to wander. I skipped.

Macaroni—Mackerel—Macintoshes. If you cannot afford to give them away to a charitable institution, cut them up. Old pieces will make shopping bags for wet weather or hats for the children."

I can see myself in a hat made out of an old macintosh, being made to eat it, slice by slice, at 11 o'clock break, by Aitchison, the captain of junior school.

Crash! Something had fallen. But what? I flew into the sitting-room. The iron—It forgot to turn it off—had burnt its way clean through the imitation asbestos mat. The ironing-board was lying in shreds. The iron was biting its way into the carpet.

I snatched it up, blistered my hand, dropped it again, snatched out the plug, threw the iron into the fireplace.

What now? Herring—Hot-water Bottles—Honey—Horse-halt—Hysterics.

Hysterics? Yes, please. "Put the person affected lying down and cover with a rug. Leave alone for half an hour, and then give a cup of tea."

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## MALAYA AND GREECE—IT'S THE SAME STORY

### GREEKS HAVE A WORD FOR THEM

To the Greeks, what is happening now in Malaya is an old story. For the Communist terrorists bands, the Greeks have a word—SYMMORITES.

When Greeks talk about the "Symmorites" they remember thousands of personally-known cruelties, barbarous atrocities and inhuman acts committed by the Communist guerilla bands during the last two years—not to mention the revolution attempt of December, 1944—in the attempt to terrorise the defenceless civilian population into accepting a Communist Government. So that Greece might become another police-state, to be swallowed behind the Iron Curtain that stretches along her northern frontiers.

The same process is beginning in Malaya. The British authorities in Malaya have recognised one fact which the Greeks were unable to convince the British and American Governments of until it was nearly too late. These guerilla bands, both in Malaya and in Greece, are neither Nationalists seeking national independence, nor Democratic elements wanting a more democratic form of government.

#### Under Orders

Let's put it bluntly. They are Communist bands, acting on orders from Moscow, well armed, well organised and completely unscrupulous.

Their methods are murder, deliberate cruelty, sabotage and terrorism. By cracking civilian morale and disrupting the normal life of the country they hope to ripen Malaya and Greece for seizure by the small Communist minority.

In Greece they came nearer succeeding than most people realise, or the Greek, British and American authorities admit, before we woke up. By that time, 600,000 refugees were on the roads of Greece—out of a population of only 7 millions. There was no safe road or through rail traffic between northern Greece and Athens, and even the communications between

Athens and the Peloponnese in the south were subjected to guerilla ambushes and sabotage. Productive life in Greece's most fertile regions had been brought to a standstill. Terror amongst the civilian population, already heightened through the horrible atrocities which became an every-day occurrence in the raided villages, was brought to panic pitch by the PEDOMAZOMA—the abduction of thousands

a handful of Morikos guerillas have ever read Marx or know anything about Communism except the extravagant promises held out to them. Most of them are just no-goods, criminals or wretches conscripted under threats of reprisals against their families.

Likewise the Communist guerillas in Malaya. They are misguided tools of Kremlin Far Eastern policy. The

#### BY KEITH BUTLER

of Greek children from their homes and from their parents' arms, to be carried across the frontier into the Russian satellite states. Over 10,000 have been abducted so far and the guerillas aim to carry off 70,000.

The reason for this barbarous act? Not the welfare of the children or the parents. Just—sheer Terrorism, to break the Greek spirit. Not all the appeals of UNO, Britain, America and Greece have persuaded the Cominform states to return the abducted Greek children. Yes, the Greeks know something about Communist guerilla bands. They hope things won't get to that stage in Malaya.

#### At Their Maximum

In Greece the guerillas totalled about 28,000 at their maximum. This year the Greek Army has reduced that total to about 18,000—maybe less since the Grammos campaign, now going on, started three weeks ago. Communists among the Greek population number not more than 15 per cent at the most liberal estimate. You can bet your last drachma that only

three amnesties to the enemies of Western Democracy. The last one was in December last year, when 10,821 members of armed bands were amnestied, came home and rested over the winter, and took to the mountains again this Spring.

#### Going All Out

Now, at last, with British and American military equipment and supplies, and with American financial support, the Greeks are going all out with their Army, Air Force and Navy to clean up the "Symmorites" once and for all. The Greeks believe the British have learned the lesson from Greece. They hope and believe that the British Administration in Malaya under Governor General Malcolm MacDonald realises the real menace of the Communist hands and understands their true intentions—to seize power over a terrorised civil population. The Greeks are delighted to think that the British Forces under General C. H. Boucher will blast the guerillas pitilessly from ground and from air, just as the Greek Forces are now doing in the Grammos mountains. At least the Malayan guerillas have not got the advantages possessed by the Greek bands—a covered supply and escape route over the Yugoslav and Albanian frontiers.

If the British in Malaya, and the British Government in London, have learned these facts, the Greeks say there is some consolation in having been the guinea-pigs of British and American post-war policy in south-east Europe.

## A Man's Work Is Never Done By LANE NORCOTT

A man who can do little repair jobs around the home is always much appreciated by his womenfolk (writes Domesticated George, taking the vacuum cleaner on his lap and tapping it suspiciously with his knuckles).

With faulty electrical machines the first thing is to look for "shorts" (adds Domesticated George, putting his eye to a small oil hole in the outer casing and sniffing deeply).

If the sweeper brush doesn't revolve, then the rubber-driving ring may be broken (observes Domesticated George, quoting glumly from his instruction book). Alternatively, it may have jumped from its groove, the athletic little pest! Honestly, I could live happily alone in a bed-loud glade!

If the sweeper brush doesn't revolve, gnomes may be stuck in it! (mutter Domesticated George darkly, wrenching off the inspection plate and thrusting his fingers inside). I suspect peaky, knock-kneed, green-booted, whimsical, puny, plaguy gnomes!

Test the contact-jumper in the fus-

ing-box by scrubbing it with a magnetic suction-bolt! (shouts Domesticated George, impatiently flinging away his instruction book and giving full rein to his powerful imagination). Remove the ohming-bar from the alternating bottle-grid by knocking it sideways, with amp-stuffed wattis!

Never lose your temper with a damaged inanimate object! (roars Domesticated George, grudgingly picking up his instruction book and glaring balefully at Fig. 1). After all, nothing is lost by cursed politeness!

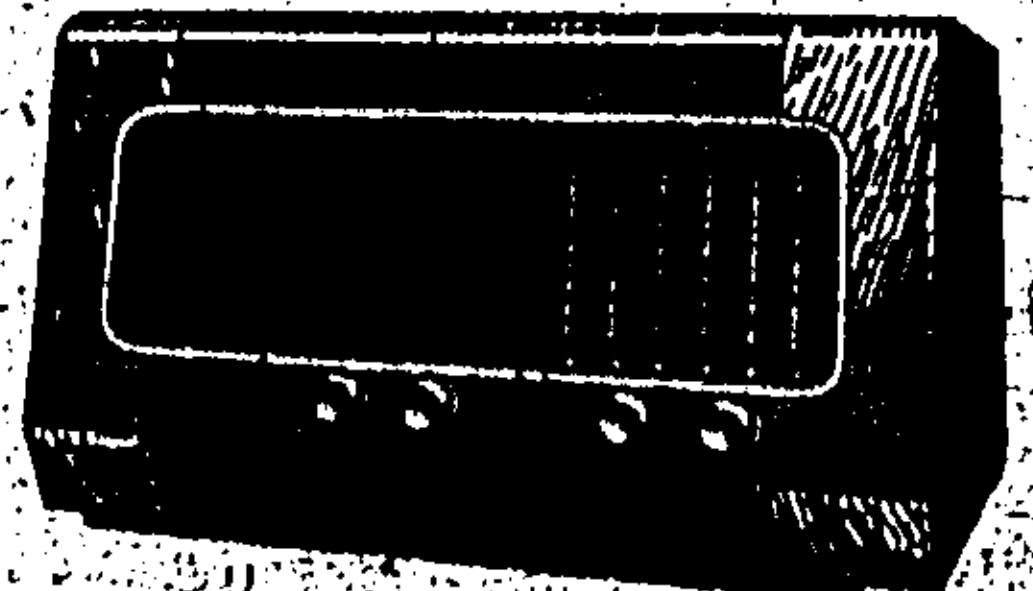
Replace the rubber driving ring by first slipping it over Groove B, and then twisting it, anti-clockwise, round Shaft C (quotes Domesticated George, first slipping it over Shaft C and then twisting it clockwise round Groove B). Finally, close inspection Plate E and switch on.

Domesticated George (it cannot be denied) then proudly switched on, and was completely successful in sucking all the dust out of the dust-bag and blowing it up his trouser legs with tremendous force.



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## Talking about Films

### BLUE RIBBON FOR 'RED SHOES'

By Fred Majdalany

For the first hour or so of "The Red Shoes" you have to be patient.

During this time you are taken on a protracted tour behind the scenes of the ballet. You learn that Anton Walbrook is a tyrannical impresario who sacks dancers as soon as romance interferes with their plouettes; that Marius Goring is a young composer; and that Moira Shearer is a lounge dancer.

You rediscover that Michael Powell and his brilliant director of photography, Jack Cardiff, are cleverer with Technicolor than anyone else.

Everything very real (though Covent Garden seemed strangely denuded of rolling veg), very pretty, and rather dull.

And then the film flames into life with a 20-minute ballet that is one of the most enchanting dance sequences ever filmed.

This ballet (music by Brian Easdale) is based on Hans Andersen's story of the magic red shoes which danced their wearers to death.

Robert Helpmann and Leonide Massine arranged it and, with Moira Shearer, dance it so superbly that even the non-balletomane ranks of Tuscany (which include this infidel) could scarce forbear to cheer.

This is not merely a new ballet but a ballet conceived in terms of cinema and brilliantly using cinema mechanics to switch between fantasy and reality in a manner impossible on the stage.

From this point the film keeps up its momentum. This is largely due to the strength of Anton Walbrook's acting. He makes you believe in the impresario enough to accept the old story of the artist torn between love and work.

As the one torn, Moira Shearer is superb when dancing, running up and down stairs, and making a death leap before a train—less superb as a dramatic actress. As her prettiness is curiously reminiscent of both Greer Garson and Deborah Kerr she is presumably ripe for M-G-M.

After the formal grandeur of "Hamlet" and the sombre beauty of "Oliver Twist" its prettiness (in the best sense) is a welcome contrast. It should help to dispel the notion that important English pictures are always cheerless. And its overlong opening could still be cut.

If I were ever permitted by Don Iddon to run for the Presidency of the U.S., and if I happened to be married

### QUIZ ANSWERS

1. The dedication at the opening of the new Idlewild International Airport in New York, USA. (8.8.48)
2. Mr. P. F. J. Eardley. (4.8.48)
3. Mr. T. N. Chau (Chairman), Mr. P. F. J. Eardley (Secretary), Mrs. R. C. Morris Comfort, Messrs. P. S. Cassidy, F. G. Maund, L. M. Wong and Chung King-pui (members). (8.8.48)
4. Latecoere-831. (8.8.48)
5. Sir Leslie Gibson K.C. (8.8.48)

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to Katharine Hepburn at the time, it would take more than five minutes alone with Angela Lansbury to turn me against Katie and into a political heel.

This is not just a gratuitous piece of personal information. It is precisely what happens to that urged, homespun mystic Spencer Tracy in Frank Capra's "The World and His Wife" and it was to me the only dubious point in this extremely entertaining, very well-acted satire on the American political scene.

Presidential candidate Tracy's struggle is between his natural honesty (backed by Miss Hepburn) and party corruption (backed by Miss Lansbury, who owns newspapers and part of Mr. Tracy).

Even if you know no more about Transatlantic politics than that Republican is roughly speaking, American for vermin, you can enjoy this film.

I find with Miss Hepburn that if I believe in the character she is playing she is wholly fascinating. It not she is like someone giving an imitation of Katharine Hepburn's mannerisms.

Members of the British Film Academy have ratified the Academy Council's choice for the Film Awards for 1947. Three Awards are to be made in the following categories selected from films first shown in Britain in 1947: (1) "The Best Years of Our Lives" for the best film from any source of origin, British or foreign; (2) "Odd Man Out" for the best British film; (3) "The World Is Rich" for a special Award which covers the field of documentary and specialised films. This year the winning films, which are judged on artistic merit, have been selected from a short list of forty by the Council of the Academy under the Chairmanship of Mr. David Lean with Sir Michael Balcon as Chairman-Elect. Machinery is being set up, however, for future Awards to be voted by Academy members from a list of eligible films to be chosen by an elected panel of film-makers within the membership. The Awards will consist of sculptures to be held for a year by the studios at which the winning films are made.

British comedian Stanley Holloway made a lightning dash to Ireland recently. He went over for the new Ealing production, "Another Shore," on location in Dublin, joining Robert Beatty in this Michael Balcon comedy which Charles Crichton is directing. Holloway's part in "Another Shore" is a delightful one as a rather eccentric, extremely rich old gentleman whose wife keeps him without money in order to prevent his drinking. He has one great dream—to return to the South Seas; and he nearly enables the work-shy young man, played by Bob Beatty, to fulfil his ambition to leave the busy world of Dublin and settle down to a lazy existence on a South Seas island. A large Irish cast has been gathered together for this whimsical amusing picture. Players include Michael Medwin, Sheila Manahan, Fred O'Donovan, Desmond Keane, Maureen Delany, Dermot Kelly, Michael O'Mahoney, W. A. Kelly, Wilfred Brambell, Michael Dolan and Madame Kirkwood Hackett.

Moira Shearer, 22-year-old, red-headed ballerina, who said "No" for a year before she agreed to become a film star, made a decision that will mean throwing away hundreds of pounds a week.

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She began a new "No" campaign as the film chiefs tried afresh to sign her up on long-term contracts after reading the critics' praise of her debut in "The Red Shoes."

In the film she plays a ballet star who has to decide between her dancing career and marriage. In reality she has to decide between a dancing career and film stardom.

And the Sadler's Wells ballerina refuses to be tempted away from the company that gave her her first big chance six years ago. Mr. Rank, Sir Alexander Korda, Hollywood—all are brandishing before her contracts that would bring her thousands a year more than Sadler's Wells could afford to pay.

But the civil engineer's daughter with the film world now at her dancing feet prefers to stay with Sadler's Wells at one-sixth of the money she earned in "The Red Shoes."

She took long to make up her mind about that picture, and finally said: "Very well—just this once."

Now she says: "I shall have to stop dancing some day, and I want to make the best use of the present. Even when I do stop dancing I may have a shot at straight acting on the stage."

### Current Shows

QUEEN'S AND ALHAMBRA—"The Search"—A dramatic story of a mother's hunt in Germany after the war. Starring Ivan Jandl.

KING'S—"Ivy"—With Joan Fontaine, Patrick McGowan and Herbert Marshall. Vigorous drama.

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MAJESTIC—"Wonder Who Killed Her Now?"



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# THESE ARE MY PEOPLE

By ALAN MARSHALL

"Cut it down," I advised him.  
"I like a draw now and then," he said.  
"M-Mrs. Carter smokes," said Plug, as if pronouncing an accusation. Mrs. Carter had visited our caravan at different times.  
"Well, what's wrong with that?" asked Olive. "Lots of women smoke."  
This was received in silence.  
"Why, I smoke," went on Olive. "I even roll my own."  
This was coming it a bit hot, and the boys laughed unbelievably.  
Olive proceeded to demonstrate and lit up with a flourish.

They watched her admiringly. This was the night-life of the cities at their back door. They suddenly felt experienced and much older. I saw them instantaneously altering their attitude to women smokers, and I had no doubt that they would, from then on, dismiss the habit with the air of those to whom the sight is a commonplace.

The moon had risen, and we decided to go for a walk while Olive made some supper.

Brulser had bought a new hat that day. He wore it exactly as it had emerged from the box. It sat on his small head, a grey dome of felt, characterless in its newness and conflicting with the tattered quality of his clothes.

"Here, dint it like mine," I said, as we walked through the bush.

"Jesse, no!" he exclaimed, backing away. "That spoils 'em."

Every now and then he took it off and dusted it with his ragged coat sleeve. He carefully handed it to Flicker before attempting any deeds of prowess.

"Here, take this, Flicker." He spat on his hands. "Watch me go up this tree."

After the exhibition he took his hat and brushed it again.

"What do you think of it?" he asked me.

"Very smart," I said.

"It oughter be. I gave eight and six for it," he said.

"Is it a Sunday hat?" I asked him.

"For a few weeks it'll be, he said.

Flicker, like a bush piper, leaped and cavorted ahead of us. His sense of humour, which was well developed, didn't appeal to Brulser, who belittled Flicker's antics in loud-voiced contempt.

"You can't do that. Get out of the way. Here, show me. Give me that. Don't be cranky. Look at him buckin' like a horse. He thinks that's funny. Now he's neighin'. Jesse, look at him!"

We played hide-and-seek, two of us disappearing into the thick scrub that skirted the river while the other two searched for us.

Flicker, who was scared of the dark places, accompanied me. As we pushed our way through the t-t-tree he glanced behind him and whispered fearfully of "ghosts and things." ("I don't believe in 'em, of course—Hell! what's that? See that shadder. Let's get outa here.")

Once when Brulser walked past us in a fruitless searching, he whispered, "Let's give a scream and frighten hell outa him."

Plug's skill in finding us puzzled me until I discovered that he was using Kim to lead him to our hiding places. He held the dog till we disappeared, then let him go and raced behind him. We couldn't fool Kim's nose.

Olive had coffee ready for us when we returned to the caravan. We always drank it black, flavoured with lemon, and the boys learned to like it that way, too. It also gave them something to boast about. They became contemptuous of milk and, lounging on our window seat, would say, nonchalantly, "Make it strong with plenty of lemon."

Olive complained of the difficulty in getting lemons, at which the boys sat upright and assured her they would get her some.

"We'll bring 'em in the mornin'," they said. So before they left, Olive gave them two shillings to see what they could do.

As they mounted their bicycles they discussed the number of lemons they would get, and I gathered they knew of some grove where lemons could be bought.

"Aren't they good," said Olive warmly, as we watched them ride away.

Brulser's voice, directed at Plug, came back through the darkness:

"Will we buy 'em, pinch 'em, or ask for 'em?"

It did me good, meeting these boys. I was brought in touch with my youth again, when a new pair of pants was an important thing and fit subject for lengthy discussion. I met the "Sunday suit" in all its stiff uncomfortableness. I had almost forgotten that there was a time when I thought women were "mad."

"Me and Plug will never get married, will we Plug?" said Brulser, to which Plug quickly agreed.

Pets, especially dogs, regained their old value. I was returning to the stage where, if anybody were to offer me a pup, I would be incapable of refusing it. These boys couldn't possibly refuse anything in the bird or animal line. It was the parents who resented their homes becoming menageries.

Brulser turned up with a new pup one day. Some "cove" gave it to him an hour before. He had not yet returned home with the gift, and was worried over its probable reception.

"D'ya think this pup would yelp at night? If I shut him up with Spot?" he asked me, hoping to be assured that this was unlikely.

"Fill him up with milk before you go to bed," I suggested.

This seemed a good idea to Brulser. "Yes, when a bloke drinks a lot of milk he sorta feels quiet," he reasoned.

The caravan became a second home to these boys. They brought their blankets and stayed with us for week-end, sleeping on the ground beneath the waggon.

They accompanied us on all our expeditions, and when Father Flannigan asked us to a dance in the Chapel Hall, I gloomily concluded that we would probably be escorted there by our bodyguard.

Olive was fond of dancing, and I didn't want her enjoyment interrupted by discussions on rabbiting; but it appeared that it would be.

We intended leaving the caravan about eight. The boys turned up at seven-thirty. They were wearing their Sunday suits. This had a depressing effect on all of us. It meant they were restricted to conventional movements which was fatal to exuberance.

We sat round the campfire while Olive dressed. The boys watched the door of the caravan, eager for a first glimpse of her in a frock. They only knew her in slacks, but had gathered from her remarks that on this night she would be dressed differently.

She appeared at last and set all our hearts flutter. She wore a white frock and the boys crowded round her with exclamations of "Cripes!" "Hell!" and culminating in an admiring, "Is she any good!" from Brulser.

When we reached the hall, Brulser and Flicker faded quietly away into the darkness.

Plug, who remained with us, explained: "They ain't payin'," he said.

Admission was a silver coin, and silver coins were rare in the pockets of Brulser and Flicker.

We entered and found a gap in the row of seated people that lined the wall.

Olive sat between us. In a few minutes, Brulser and Flicker appeared. They came from some room behind the stage, but I didn't question them. They sat near their hats on, but made a slight concession to convention by pushing them to the back of their heads as they sat down beside us.

I heard Brulser whisper to Plug: "If they put me out I'm going to ask for my turpence back." Later, he whispered to me, "If they put me out I'm going to ask for my sixpence back," and, later still, he informed Olive, "If they put me out I'm going to ask for my bob back."

The atmosphere that surrounded our little group, as we sat in silence waiting for the orchestra to start, was one of excited anticipation; a state created by the tense stillness of the three boys who were waiting for direct evidence of their heroine's appeal. An immediate recognition of Olive's charms would establish them as privileged persons.

The orchestra started, and a soldier bore Olive away from us.

"She's off!" exclaimed Flicker, as if announcing the start of a race.

There was a release of tension and a comfortable adjusting of attitude in keeping with the removing of doubt and responsibility.

"Not a bad sorta bloke," pronounced Brulser, satisfied that Olive was being worthily partnered.

"He's t-t-talking to her," Plug informed us gleefully.

"You can't see her now," announced Brulser, leaning forward the better to follow Olive's progress. "She's behind that fat sheila. Now she's goin' round the bottom."

"What! the sheila's?" exclaimed Flicker vulgarly.

"Shut up, you silly bugger," snapped Brulser, who then turned on to me, and added, "Flicker's mad as a snake."

"Steady on the swears," I said. "Somebody will hear us."

"Here ah-she c-c-comes now," stuttered Plug.

"Isn't she a sneezer! She's the best bloody dancer in the hall," exclaimed Brulser ecstatically.

Olive glided past. The boys stood up, hoping for a sign of recognition. She revolved, then smiled from over a broad, khaki shoulder.

"Hey, there!" called Flicker, then turned to us. "Dida see that? She smiled at me."

"She laughed at you, ya silly cow,"



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exploded Brulser. "She smiled at all us."

The astounded soldier looked blankly at me as they swung away.

"That silly cove's in a trance," said Brulser. "See the drag to his trap."

"Don't she look nice in a frock?" said Flicker. "Don't she look different?"

The boys were enjoying this dance. It became a personal triumph. When the crowded floor resulted in Olive being bumped in the crush of weaving couples, the boys expressed their indignation.

"She that big bloke bump into her! What's he think he is!"

"If I was, that soldier bloke I'd make a pass at him."

When Olive was at last escorted back to her seat, they crowded round her smiling happily. Their faith in her was justified. She was a "beaut."

Later on, when she was dancing with another partner, Brulser disappeared. He returned with the quick excitement of one who expects pursuit. He waited a moment, then took a bottle of lemonade from beneath his coat and a dirty glass from his pocket.

The boys watched him closely as he filled the glass. He then held the bottle up to the light, calculating the proportions necessary for an equitable division.

"No, thanks," I said, when he looked at me.

"Here, drink this." He handed the glass to Flicker.

While Flicker was drinking he sat with the bottle clasped between his knees, watching him.

He filled the glass a second time and again held the bottle aloft, his brow puckered in computation. Plug leant forward and joined in the calculation.

"It's d-down to the b-b-bottom of the L," he said, and drank the second glass, pausing now and then to comment on his need of the drink.

"Gawd, I was thirsty."

(To Be Continued)



## PIGMY CARTOON



I suggest somebody pops in next door and tells the native ranks to find a new place for their dart-board.

## MUST WE CHANGE OUR SEX STANDARDS?

Recent surveys on sex have puzzled and upset many people: have our ideas of simple decency been outmoded by these "scientific" findings? In June Reader's Digest, Dr. Joshua Liebman, Robert A. Millikan, and other intellectual, moral, and scientific leaders give their answers to this challenge to our spiritual ideals. Don't miss this discussion of one of the most vital questions of our times.

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## AN EXPLANATION

SOMEBODY (I believe it was Shakespeare) once said, "Thus doth fall circumstance make tools of us all," which is another way of saying "Man proposes—God disposes." I refer, of course, to last week's article wherein I noted, at some length, a piano and cello recital due to be given by Mesdames Joy Hall and Clara Stansfeld. Unhappily, Joy Hall fell victim to sickness and the recital did not take place. As, however, these notes are written some 5 or 6 days in advance, I have to discount the possibility of last minute alterations of this nature and proceed in the hope that scheduled programmes will continue as planned. In this case, however, I was unfortunate and it is to be hoped that Joy Hall will soon be sufficiently recovered to resume her Z.B.W. activities. Best wishes for a speedy recovery from her colleagues and friends!

Miss Hall's recital is now scheduled for Monday evening so that all's well that ends well, if I may borrow from Shakespeare again.

## MANILA ORCHESTRA

AGAIN I must make an exception and note retrospectively the excellent broadcast by the Manila Symphony Orchestra last week. I am not a technical man, whatever difficulties were in the way succumbed to the Z.B.W. technical staff. The relay came, over as to the manner born, and it seemed to me the orchestra performed extraordinarily well. My own radio developed a temperament which prevented me from hearing the whole concert, but congratulations are surely in order to Z.B.W. staff for their enterprise in making this Concert generally available to listeners.

## LOOKING AHEAD

WHILST I am loth to admit a competitor to these exclusive ranks, I have a worthy adversary in David Keith-Hardy, Programme Secretary of Z.B.W. Each Sunday evening, Mr. Hardy is presenting, at 7.15 p.m., a preview of the forthcoming week's programmes together with a "trailer" of the music. An innovation of this nature is very welcome, and the listener's notice will be adequately directed to those programmes which will repay particular attention. Any clashing of Mr. Hardy's comments and these notes of mine must therefore be taken as coincidental, plus the obvious fact that it is considered the programme merits some detailed comment.

## SUNDAY EVENING

AT 7.30 p.m., again, there is the 2nd group of famous overtures, comprising—  
Oberon ..... Weber.  
Thieving Magpie ..... Rossini.  
Bronze Horse ..... Auber.  
Merrymakers ..... Coates.  
This overture programme, it will be remembered, commenced last Sunday and it seems to me a happy thought in that it brings to listeners famous overtures which are well worth hearing for themselves alone. Too often the overture is regarded as a mere curtain-raiser and receives but scant attention, whereas often the music deserves an audition equally as scrupulous as one would give to any other composition.

WEBER's "Oberon" is an opera which is seldom heard today, although I believe it was a prime favourite at Salzburg in the halcyon days of peace pre-war. Weber seems a little out-moded as a composer today, although the main reason for the few performances of his operas lies elsewhere. "Eurydice" and "Die Frieschulte" contain much music that is quite lovely, the latter opera particularly producing two of the most lovely arias for soprano that have ever been written. Unhappily, Weber possessed no sense of stage or theatre, and it is almost impossible to stage any of his Operas owing to technical difficulties. He is, however, a composer whose

music always makes delightful listening and he had the ability to reproduce atmosphere in music to an exceptional degree.

AT 10.30 p.m. the Chamber Music Series continues with Brahms' Quartet in A Minor. Bach, Beethoven and Brahms are usually spoken of in the same breath whenever the three of the greatest composers' names are required to be mentioned.

Brahms—essentially a purist in all the musical forms he produced—has probably succeeded nowhere so well as in his Chamber Music. His greatest precursor—Beethoven—cast the mould which Brahms took up and shaped to his own ends. To Brahms very largely should go the credit for introducing the wind-instrument into the Chamber Music group. I am not unmindful of Mozart or Beethoven here, but it seems to me Brahms particularly pursued this form, and brought it to his highest point. The A Minor Quartet is one of the best-known of Brahms' works and should make very interesting listening.

## MONDAY EVENING

AT 9.00 p.m., there is a concert of Orchestral Music consisting of—  
Overture to "Eurydice" ..... Weber.  
Partita in E ..... Bach or Wood.  
Scherzo from "Midsommer's Dream" ..... Mendelssohn.  
Hungarian Rhapsody No. 1 ..... Liszt.

The Bach "Partita" is arranged by Sir Henry Wood for orchestra. Many will remember the sensation caused in the musical world a few years ago by the later Sir Henry Wood. For many years, a prime favourite at the proms had been an orchestral arrangement of Bach's mighty Toccata and Fugue in D Minor. The programme always showed it as "arranged by Klenovsky," and when Sir Henry disclosed that he and Klenovsky were one and the same person, sensation reigned. I write this without reference at the time, but if my memory does not mis-serve me, Klenovsky (or something remarkably like it) was the pseudonym Sir Henry used.

Mendelssohn's Scherzo from his "Midsommer Night's Dream" music is characteristically a composition ideally suited to its description. The tightness of touch in the strings (and what a problem he set here for the fiddler) based on the most ephemeral background from the remainder of the orchestra, provides an elfin-like music ideally suited to the fairy-like quality of the play, music which calls for rapt attention or else the beauty of the string work is utterly lost.

## TUESDAY

THE new series I mentioned in passing last week—"British Composers" commences tonight at 8.45 p.m. when the programme is—  
Morning Song (Maytime in Sussex) ..... Bax.  
Clarinet Quintet ..... Bliss.  
Symphony No. 5 in D Major ..... Vaughan Williams.

IN THE Bax composition, Harriet Cohen plays solo piano, whilst Reginald Nell plays the solo instrument in the Bliss quintet. Sir Arnold Bax—now Master of the King's Music—is a composer with a technique entirely his own. Any trace of Debussy or Wagner which at first seems apparent must quickly be discounted as a valueless comparison when familiarity with his music is bred by further listening. It has been said that a symphony is like a tree—it is "planted" for the use of future generations. And so may well be the case with Bax. I do not think his music has yet achieved the eminence which will be its just due in the next generation.

Of the Vaughan Williams work, let me say only this. As no other composer—if Elgar be excepted—Vaughan Williams has instilled into his music the very spirit of England. His "London" Symphony particularly bears out this assertion, and Richard Aldrich—in an

## Contributed By "MUSSETTA"

admirable article in "Groves"—analyses this symphony section by section and points out where the "London" motif is obviously intended to be portrayed in terms of music.

This programme certainly gets away to a promising start, and as a forerunner of things to come, promises well for the future music under this heading.

## WEDNESDAY

ON Wednesday at 10.15 p.m. Grieg's famous "Peer Gynt" Suite is being played. Probably Grieg is best known to the world by the familiar music of this suite. "Morning," "In the Hall of the Mountain King," "Anitra's Dance" and "Death of Ase." Who does not know this truly delightful music? Couple this fact with the "Wedding March" and Pianoforte Concerto in A Minor and you have a portrait of Grieg as he is known today. Seeing also that he has gained the dizzy eminence of having his music arranged for a London Theatre (in company with Schubert, Chopin and Schumann) the box-office attractions thereof must speak for themselves!

Grieg was undoubtedly a very melodious composer and one who had the gift of being able to enrich a simple melody—often based on Scandinavian or Norwegian folk songs—by the use of subtle orchestrations.

## THURSDAY

THE "British Concert Hall" series proceeds, and on Thursday night at 8.15 p.m. we are to hear—  
Symphony No. 5 in B flat ..... Schubert.  
Cossack Overture ..... Berlioz.  
Carmen Suite ..... Bizet.  
The Schubert Symphony is of particular interest in that it is one of his earlier works. In all, he wrote 10 symphonies, and it must be admitted that the first four were a little in the nature of boyish indiscretions. In this 5th symphony, traces of Haydn certainly (and Mozart possibly) can be discerned. But at least here Schubert strives to tell the story his own way, and for that reason the No. 5 makes interesting hearing. Of his later Symphonies (No. 7 is long and the German called it "Heavenly Song") there is no space now to write, but at least let it be said that in these later works Schubert rose to his greatest heights, and proved himself worthy to rank with Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven, as a symphonist.

THE music of "Carmen" is so well-known that comment seems superfluous, except if one would dwell on the strange fact of a Frenchman writing music so essentially of the Spanish flavour. Bizet fought hard for many years to secure recognition of "Carmen," and yet his failure did not embitter him. "Fair Maid of Perth" and "The Pearl Fishers" contain much lovely music from his pen which is seldom enough heard.

Perhaps Z.B.W. can give us a "Bizet Hour" in the future. Certainly those who only know their Bizet through "Carmen" will find much delightful music in his other works.

The Berlioz Overture is less well-known than his "Rakovsky" March or "Damnation of Faust." The same heavy orchestration is here apparent, however, which characteristic is a hall-mark of all Berlioz compositions.

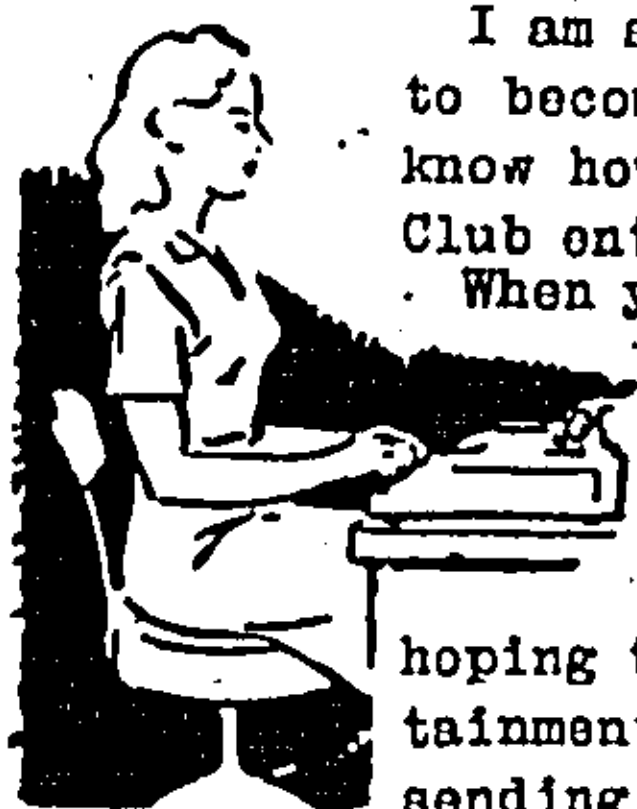
## GENERAL KNOWLEDGE ANSWERS

1. Testatrix.
2. Sun, Earth and Moon.
3. Repealing it.
4. Belgium.
5. Maharan.
6. Purple, green and orange.
7. Three feet.



# Children's Herald

## AT MY TYPEWRITER...



I am sure that there are many boys and girls who would like to become members of the Herald Companions' Club, but do not know how to join. For them, this week, I am publishing another Club entry form.

When you send this in, with your name and address written clearly, you will receive a lovely certificate to frame and keep. But remember, members must be sixteen years or under.

Just now the Club is in its early stages, but I am hoping that soon we will be able to organise games and entertainments for you. Meanwhile, make sure of your certificate by sending in your entry form as soon as you can.

Happy days to you all, from

*Auntie Vee.*

## Things to Make

You will need two empty fruit tins and about eight feet of strong string or rope. Make two holes opposite each other in the bottom of the tins, near the outside edge. Thread the string or rope through from inside of the tins, knotting it. Use four feet of string or rope for each tin. To use the stills, place your feet on the tins and hold the string firmly.

Hungary produces 700,000 tons of raw steel per year. That is more than the combined steel production of Rumania, Yugoslavia and Turkey.

## World Spotlight:

### BEAVER BATTLE

The busy beavers in Northern Ontario have been fighting a battle against encroaching civilisation. Up at Virginaltown, these buck-toothed little animals had created an Utopia for themselves. By gnawing down hundreds of small popular and pine trees, they dammed up a number of streams, and created acres of swampland, an ideal place in which to rear their young.

The beavers didn't know it, but they had flooded an area right in the middle of a rich mineral belt. Virginaltown was developing into a mining town.

There was no room for both miners and beavers, and the

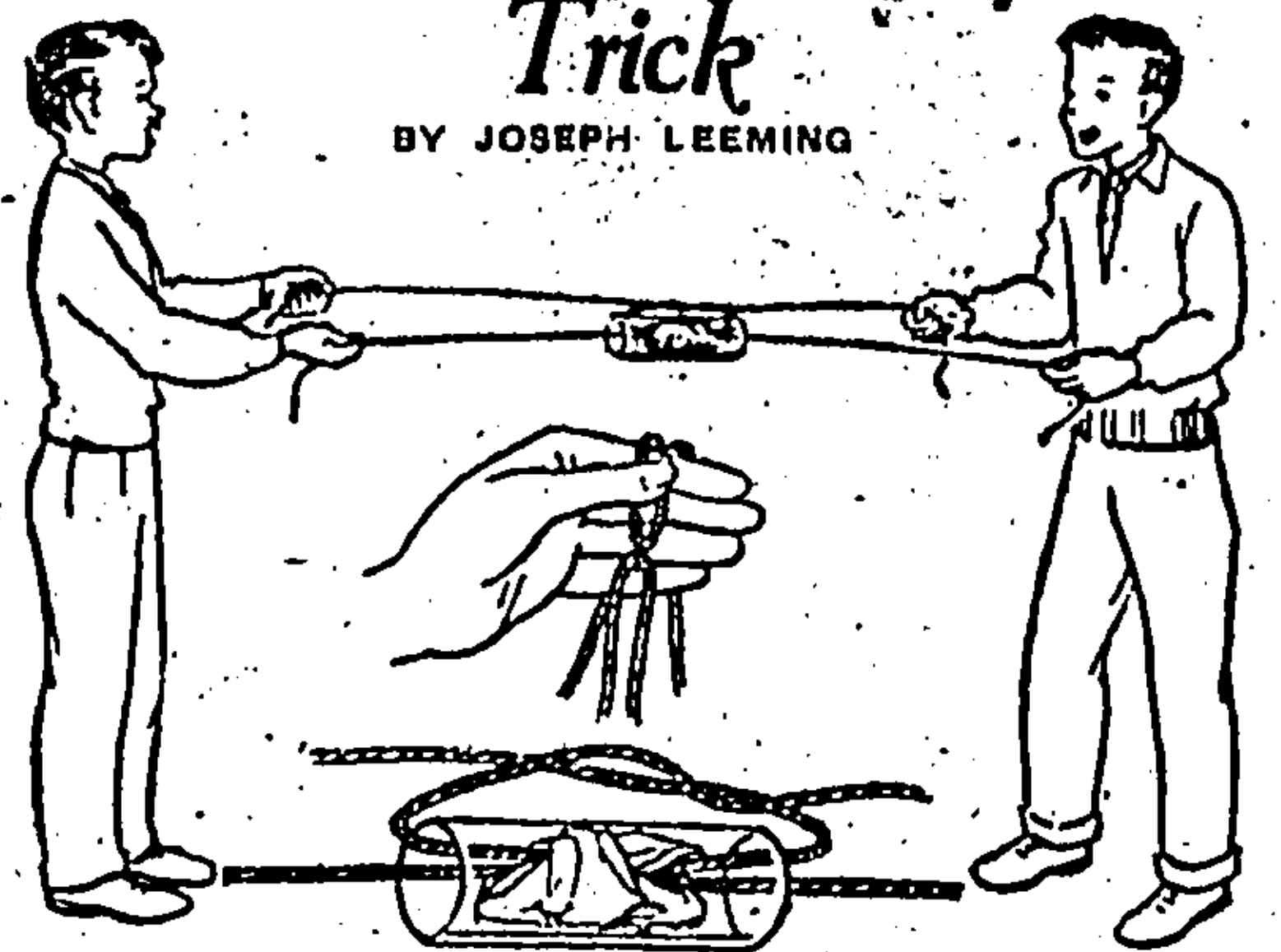
Kerr-Addison Gold Mine decided the beavers had to go. Workmen shoved a large galvanised pipe into the beaver swamp and siphoned the water off.

The beaver will have to move, but, in that land of lake and stream, there are plenty of sites for a new beaver dam. (From John Marshall, Windsor, Ontario.)

There is no such person as the "man in the moon." People looking at the full moon or at the crescent moon can see an odd-shaped "face" outlined by the moon's craters and mountains, and they have named this "face" the man in the moon.

## Handkerchief and Rope Trick

BY JOSEPH LEEMING



Effect: Two pieces of rope are shown and are held by two spectators who grasp their ends. Then the magician ties a silk handkerchief over the center of the ropes and slips a glass or cardboard tube over the ropes and the handkerchief. One end of rope is taken from each spectator. The two ends are tied in a single knot over the tube, and the ends are returned to the two assistants.

The magician grasps the tube in his hand and asks the spectators to pull on the ropes. As they do this, the tube and the handkerchief come magically free of the ropes!

Secret: The secret lies in the preparation of the two pieces of rope. Before the performance, each piece is doubled back on itself and the centers of the two pieces are fastened together with thread. At the beginning of the

trick, therefore, each spectator holds both ends of the same rope but does not know it. Start the trick by picking up the ropes and the handkerchief. Hold the ropes at the centre in your left hand, as in the drawing, and give the end of the two spectators who come on the stage to assist you. Then tie the handkerchief over the tied centres of the ropes.

Now take the rope ends from one of the spectators, give him the tube, and ask him to slip it over the ropes until it covers the handkerchief.

Given one rope back to him and take one rope from the other spectator. Tie the two in a single overhand knot, as shown in the drawing, and give the ends back to your assistants. Tying the knot reverses the ends that were held, and each spectator now holds one end of each rope.

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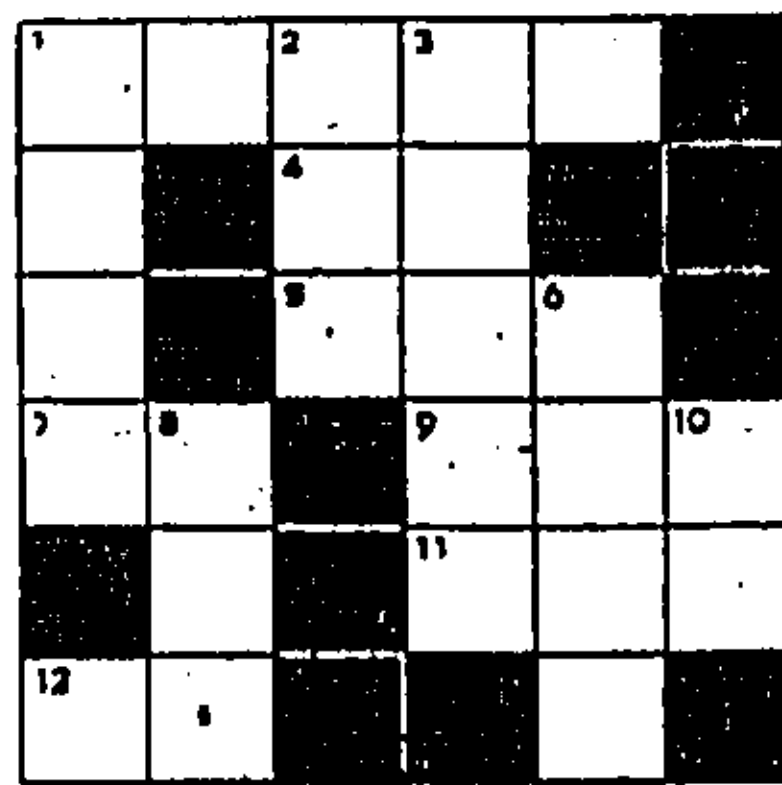
In The Mailbag, **RUSTY RILEY**

by FRANK GODWIN

JOAN GARDNER, of Hong Kong, is anxious about her certificate. You should receive it some time this week, Joan. Keep trying for more stars—the Second Mystery Prize has not been won yet.

RAYBURN LIM, of Kowloon, has written a very nice letter.

WENDY YEO of Kowloon Tong likes the new Children's Herald, and has sent in a contribution.

**CROSSWORD PUZZLE****Clues**

- ACROSS**
- The outside boundary.
  - Indefinite adjective.
  - First double-figured number.
  - Negative.
  - Long ditch.
  - High explosive.
  - Objective case of "I".
- DOWN**
- To find support.
  - Floor covering.
  - Prefix meaning "between".
  - They live in convents.
  - First digit.
  - Telegraphic Transfer (abbrev).

**Crossword Solution**

Across: 1. Limit, 4. Any, 6. Tens, 7. No, 8. But, 11. T.N.T., 12. T.N.T.

Down: 1. Down, 2. Lean, 3. In, 5. No, 9. Nuns, 10. One, 11. T.N.T.

**Did You Know This?**

During World War I, Nebraska furnished the walnut for more than one-half the gunstocks for the rifles manufactured and used in the war.

About half of every ton of new steel produced in the United States is torn of scrap metal, coming from auto graveyards, farms, railroads, demolished buildings, factories and even the ocean.

To produce 100 bushels of corn, the soil must deliver 5,000-6,000 pounds of water, 150 pounds of nitrogen, 23 pounds of phosphorus, 72 pounds of potassium and 68 pounds of lime plus organic matter.

Mother: Where can we most safely hide David's present?  
Father: In the bathroom!—

**ROPE TRICK (CONT.)**

Ask the spectators to pull on the ropes. This will break the thread and pull the ropes free of the tube and the handkerchief. While this is being done, be sure to hold the tube in one of your hands. It will come absolutely free of the ropes, with the handkerchief remaining inside it.

The effect of this trick is considerably heightened if you can use a glass or cellophane tube, which will permit the audience to see the handkerchief inside it at all times. If you use a cardboard mailing tube, you can cut two holes in its sides, through which the handkerchief will be visible.







## ★ Girls of Cliffdale ★ By Marie Marshall

### THE WAY OF A TOMBOY

PART XV  
Billy pressed her lips firmly together as she resolved to let the gipsies know just what she thought of the whole gang of them. As she climbed, she could imagine the motley crew of the boat and the punt waiting in the bushes above.

"COO-EE!"  
The tomboy paused and flung back her wet hair. Strange how friendly that call sounded. Yes, she was sure it came from Olive Sullivan.

How that girl could pretend to be friendly after all that had happened—why, it was incredible! But you never could tell with gipsies!

"I'm coming!" called Billy loudly. "And if you all think you're going to make me a prisoner again, you've got another big thing coming! Where are you all?"

Billy made an extra effort and jumped suddenly to the top of the rock. She had no sooner landed on her feet than she nearly fell backwards in utter bewilderment.

There, standing against a tree with her bike, was Olive, looking just as she had looked when Billy had first met her.

"Where are the gipsies?" stammered Billy.

Olive looked at her blankly. "The boat and the punt—and everything," mumbled the tomboy.

"Have you been dreaming?" asked Olive, wheeling her bike a few feet forward.

"Dreaming? Dreaming?" repeated Billy. She looked down at the quiet water of the river. She looked thoughtfully at the distant bank—and suddenly she realised what had happened.

(To be continued)

### Quotation Cuts

One road leads to London,  
One road runs to Wales,  
My road leads mesewards  
To the whie dipping sails.  
My road culla me, lures me  
West, east, south, and north,  
Most roads lead men home-  
wards,  
My road leads me forth.

—"Roads"  
by John Massfield.

### Sort Out These Jumbled Words

You all have your favourite film stars, and their names might be included in the list of this week's Jumbled Words. If you cannot guess them correctly, the answers are on this page.

NEDSNI NADLI  
NMAOGR NRELALD  
RORVET AHRWOOD  
ENEG NITEYER  
NAAL OLAD AJEN MNYWA

### ENTRY FORM FOR THE H.C.C.

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## MY EXCITING ESCAPE

One dark and misty day, I was walking along a lonely road by myself, when I suddenly heard something move in the nearby bushes. I stopped and listened; and then a muffled cry reached my ears. I ran up to the bushes and saw a man, his face covered with blood, and his hands and feet tied together with thick rope. He had also been gagged to prevent any cries which he would probably attempt to make.

I at once knew that he had been robbed by a gang called "The Crossers", for they always made a cross on the face of a robbed victim.

As I bent down to have a closer look at the man, he gave a deep sigh, and died. I was very frightened, and was about to run, when suddenly I heard something move behind me. I turned, but before I could see anything I felt a heavy blow on my head, and fell to the ground, senseless.

When I awoke, I found myself tied hand and foot, in a small room strewn with cases of what seemed like smuggled or stolen goods. I felt a terrible pain in my head and on my face. I struggled to free myself of my bonds, but in vain.

Suddenly, I spied a pall, half full of water, in a corner of the

room, partly obscured by one of the boxes. After great difficulties I managed to reach the pall. I dipped both my hands in the water, and soon the ropes began to stretch. After my hands had been freed I untied the ropes which bound my feet. My next problem was that of finding a way out of the prison. I looked about my cell. There was a door only on one side, and a small window high up on the other.

My first thought was to try the door, but this proved futile, as it had been barred and bolted from the outside.

So my next move was to try to reach the window and see whether I could force out the rusted iron bars. But before doing so, I piled all the crates against the door, save two which I kept to assist me in reaching the window. This done, I climbed gingerly to the top of the box and peered out from behind my prison bars.

I could see the leader of the gang discussing some matter (perhaps their next robbery) with his men, in a cave to the right of me. I took advantage of this fact, and began tugging fiercely at the bars. One gave way, then another, and only one more to go. I gave a last mighty heave, with all the strength I had left in me. The force was so great that after the bar had given way, I fell backwards, upsetting the box on which I had been standing.

Crash! Down it fell, right on top of me. The men must have been alarmed by the noise, for I could hear them running towards the door. They gave a cry of dismay as they found it obstructed. By now, I was on top of the crate again (not it on top of me!), and forcing myself out of the window, legs first. The robbers were now pushing the door with all their might. Soon the boxes slid backwards, and a robber pushed himself in. When he saw me at the window, he yelled to the others to go outside.

## The Wild Stallion

Out on the plain in a wooded glen.

The wild Stallion rests again; After roaming the hills far and wide.

He is tired of the mountain side. Many winters have passed with blizzards and snows.

Where he will go again, nobody knows.

No one can catch him. So swift are his feet.

When out on the plain. You can hear his hooves beat.

On the ground hard and solid. You know that in vain.

Some hunter is trying. To catch him, again.

He can leap over the hill. With the utmost skill.

He is as brave as can be. So noble is he.

When animals speak of him. They speak in awe.

He is king over them. His word is Law.

(Joan Gardner (13), of 114 The Peak wins \*\*)

### Jumbled Words Answers

Dennis Morgan, Trevor Howard, Alan Ladd, Linda Darnell, Gene Tierney, Jane Wyman.

As soon as I reached the ground, I sprinted for dear life.

The robbers began shooting. Still I ran on, until suddenly I felt a stinging pain in my shoulder.

I staggered and limped on until I had reached the road.

My head began to swim, and I felt unsteady. In my almost unconscious state I saw a police patrol car coming.

The policemen must have heard the shots, for they stopped where I was, and while two carried me to the car, the others, armed with guns, went up the hill.

I later found out, when I was in hospital, that the whole gang of "Crossers" had been rounded up. I was very happy to hear this!

I consider this to be the most exciting adventure I have ever had.

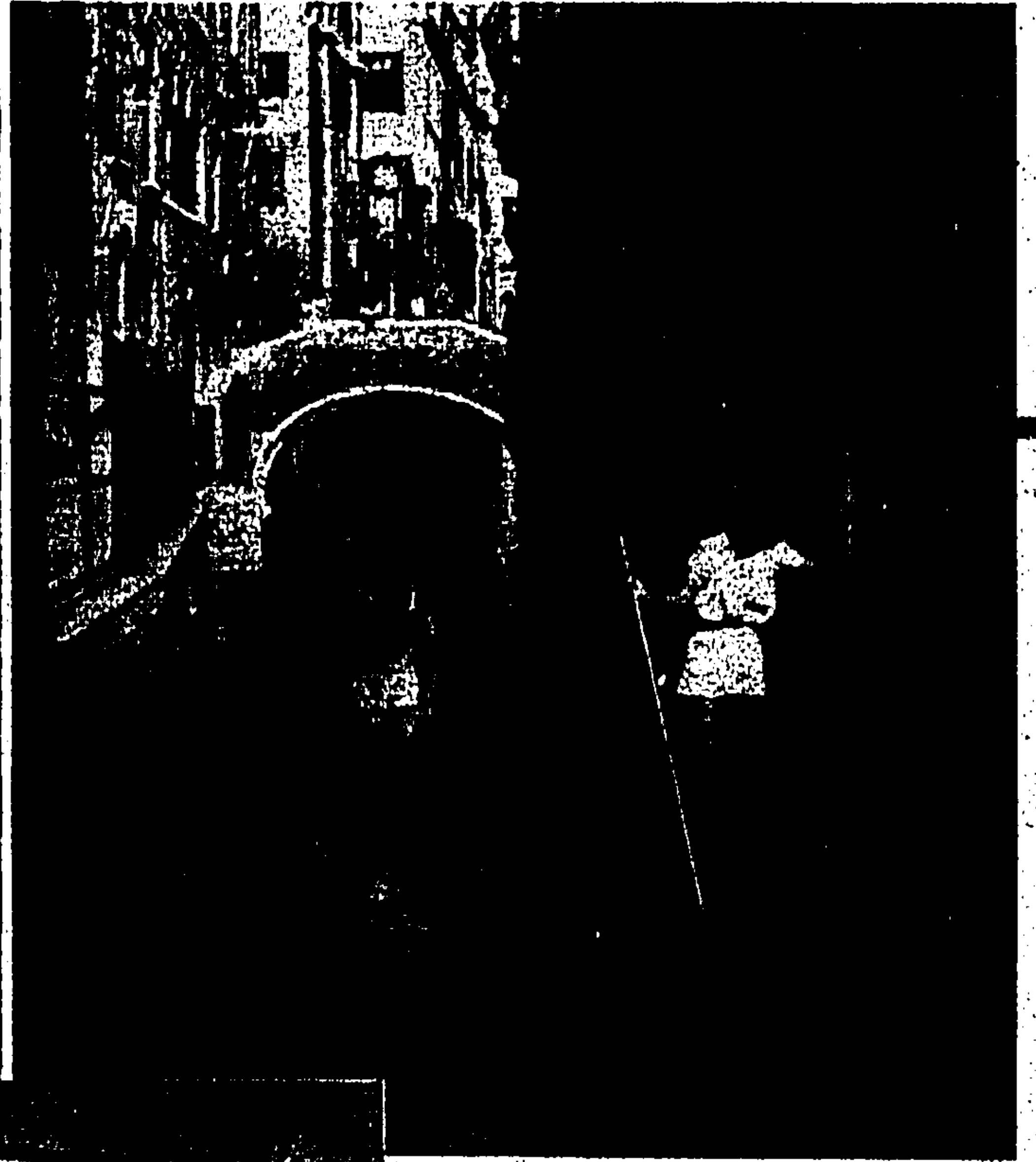
(Richard Yeo (14), of 6 Suffolk Road, Kowloon Tong, wins \*\*)





**THE SHAH OF PERSIA PAYS HIS FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT TO BRITAIN:** He is seen (left) being met by the Duke of Gloucester when he arrived at Northolt Airport, London, on July 20. The Shah stayed for two days at Buckingham Palace, later toured Britain like any other visitor. (AP Photo).

**FIRST JET-PROPELLED ATLANTIC CROSSING:** Air Marshal Sir James Robb, RAF, (left) greeting Lt. Col. D. Schilling, USAF, who led the formation of 16 P-50 "Shooting Star" jet-propelled aircraft which arrived in England in July. They were the first jet-propelled planes to complete the crossing of the Atlantic from the US to Britain. (AP Photo).



**SKI-ING IS BELIEVING:** Venetians have found a novel method of transport along their canals—outsized water skis, propelled by ordinary ski poles. The skis are unsinkable. Venice's gondoliers, fearing competition, gathered in general assembly, threatened to sink all skis if they are rented to tourists. (AP Photo).



**"FLYING COALCART" IN THE AIRLIFT:** Using Dakota aircraft from a special base at Fassburg, in the British Zone of Germany, the RAF started flying coal into Berlin on July 16. Above, German workers are unloading coal from a "Dak" at Gatow Airport in Berlin. (AP Photo).

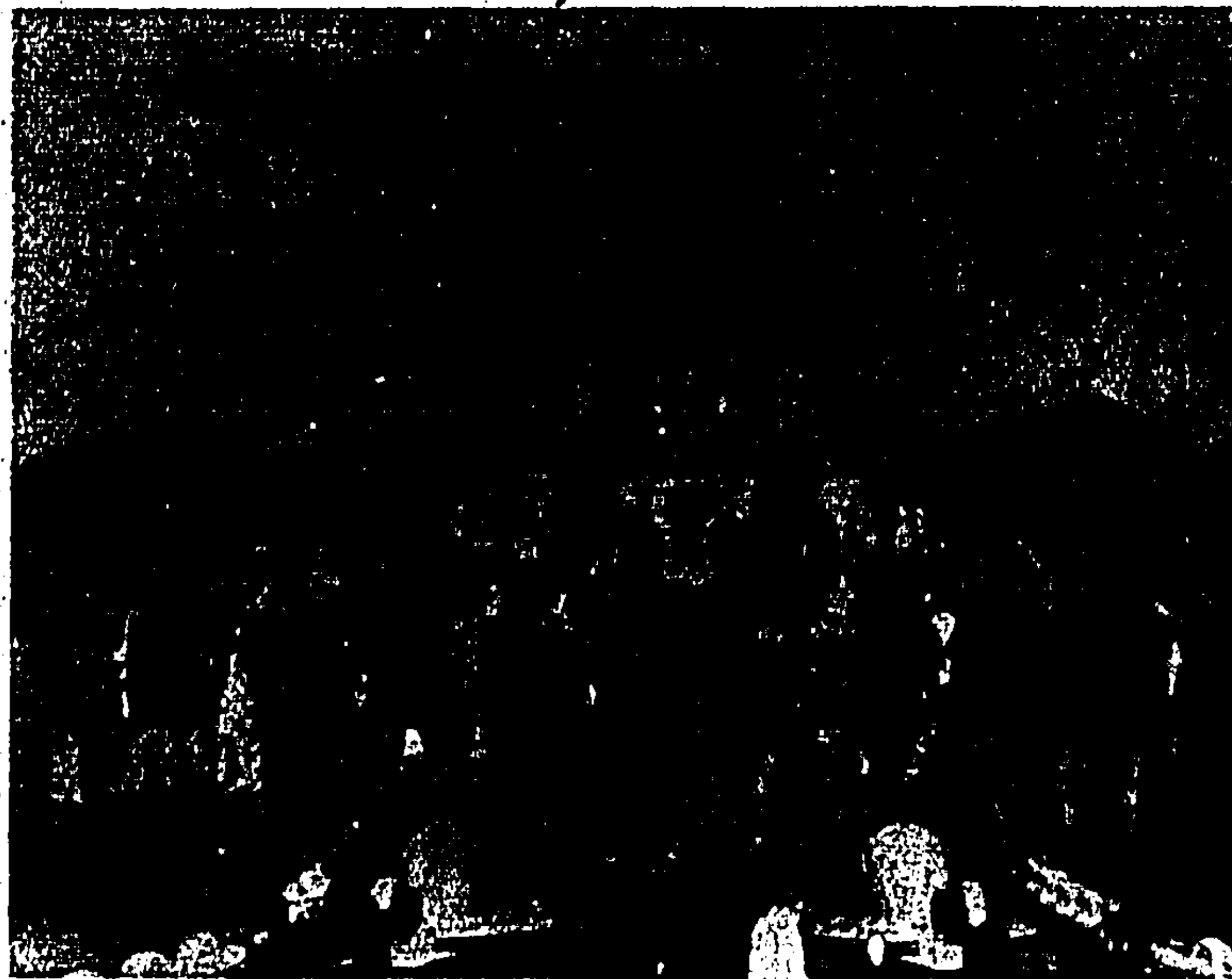


**MARSHAL OF THE AIR FORCE LORD TEDDER** (centre) studies a model of unloading operations in the "Operations Room" at Berlin's Gatow Airport, where he gained first-hand experience of Britain's contribution to the airlift life-line. With Lord Tedder are, left, Air Marshal Sir Arthur Sanders, AOC RAF in Germany, and Air Commodore R.N. Waite, head of the Air Branch of the British Control Commission. (AP Photo).





A CHINESE RECEPTION was held in the Hong Kong Hotel last week for the officers of the two Chinese warships, the "Chungking" and the "Ling Fu." L. to R. above are Mr. T. W. Kwok, Vice Admiral Y. C. Yang, Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau, and the Commander of the "Chungking", C. H. Tang. (China Mail)



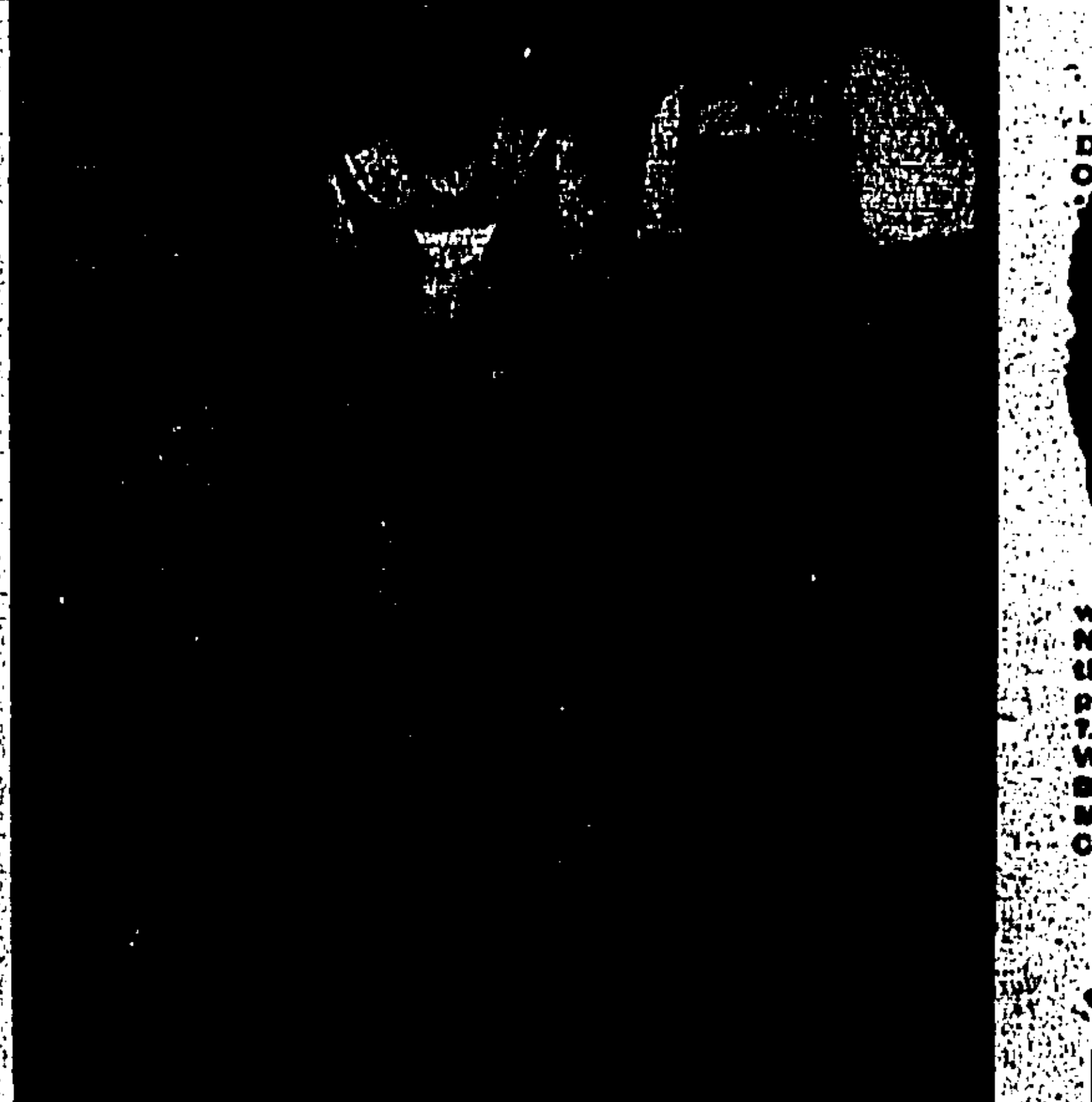
INSPECTION PARADE: Boy Scouts of the 16th H.K. Group, with the Group Scoutmaster, were invited on board the C.S. "Chungking" by the captain, S.C. Tang on August 1. (China Mail)



R. N. OFFICERS chatting at a cocktail party given by Mr. T. W. Kwok in honour of the officers of the two gift warships. Mr. Kwok (left) is Special Commissioner (Foreign Affairs) for Kwangtung and Kwangsi in Hong Kong. (China Mail)



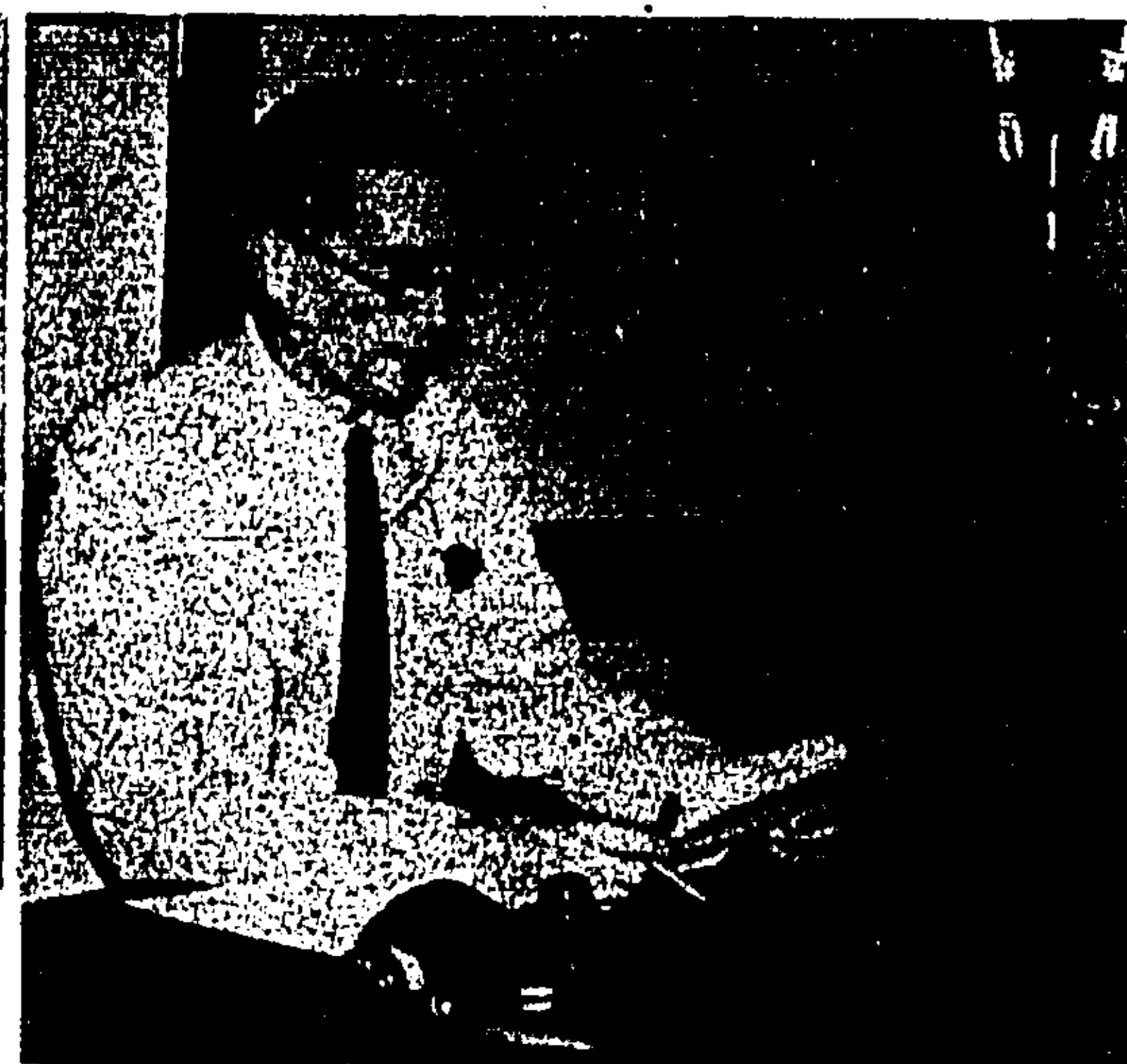
GROUP PHOTOGRAPH of the gathering at the residence of Mr. T. W. Kwok, when R.N. and Chinese Naval officers met to celebrate the giving over of C.S. "Chungking" and "Ling Fu" to China. (China Mail)







**PILIPINO ORCHESTRA IN HONG KONG:** The Filipino musicians of the Philippine Municipal Symphony Orchestra who arrived in Hong Kong by the "General Gordon" photographed on board the ship. They are on their way to Hawaii to give a series of concerts. While in Hong Kong, they gave a public performance at the China Fleet Club on July 31, which was relayed over ZBW. Their next stop is Shanghai, where they will give a concert in aid of the China War Relief Fund. (China Mail).



**ZBW BROADCAST:** Mr. K. W. Blackburne, Director of Information Services, Colonial Office, broadcast over ZBW on July 31 on the importance of Hong Kong in the scheme of the British Commonwealth. (China Mail)



**COCKTAIL CHAT:** Mr. T. O. To, Commissioner of the Police Reserve, gave a cocktail party in the Hong Kong Hotel recently. Here he is seen chatting to the Commissioner of Labour, Hon. Mr. B. C. K. Hawkins. (Artland Studio)



**ANNIVERSARY PARTY:** Mr. Fu Sing Hau and Miss Kan enjoy a joke at the cocktail party in honour of the establishment of the "Sing Tao Yat Pao" ten years ago. Mr. Fu is the managing director of the "Sing Tao Yat Pao". (Francis Wu)

**SWISS NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION:** Some of the tables at the Lido on the Swiss National Day, August 1, to: Mr. Foulard, Mme. Mr. E. Ott, Mr. R. Minueti, Mr. and Mrs. W. Bl. (Mee Cheung)

**SWISS COSTUMES:** are worn at the Swiss National Day celebration at the Lido, Repulse Bay, on August 1, to: Mrs. Naef, Mrs. R. Her and Mrs. H. O. Herhofer. (Mee Cheung)



**ON THE DANCE FLOOR** at the Lido on August 1, celebrating the Swiss National Day in Hong Kong. (Mee Cheung)



**INSTRUCTIONAL FILM:** "Modern Construction Trends" was shown to an interested audience on the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel on July 29. From left to right: Messrs. P. Cheng, E. P. Jansen, M. A. Esquivel (representing the Owens-Illinois Glass Co., sponsors of the show) and H.H.F. Gourlis. (China Mail)





**CHRISTENING CEREMONY:** Rev. Father Espada officiating at the christening of Branca Elena Lobo at the Catholic Cathedral on August 1. The godmother, Mrs. Choa Poo Sien, is also the baby's grandmother. (Ming Yuen)



**MR. AND MRS. ROGERIO LOBO** outside the Catholic Cathedral after the christening of their baby daughter, Branca Elena, on August 1. (Ming Yuen)

**MAKING A WISH:** Pierre Henri Jobez getting ready to blow out the candles at his birthday party at the French Consul's residence on July 30. (Francis Wu)



**JOINT BIRTHDAY PARTY.** The gathering of children who attended the joint birthday party of Pierre Henri and Marie Claire Jobez on July 30. M. Jobez is the French Consul in Hong Kong. (Francis Wu)



**UNION CHURCH CHRISTENING:** Mr. and Mrs. George Leys and their young daughter, Flonna Beverly, after Flonna's christening at the Union Church, Kowloon, on July 31. (Francis Wu)

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## Health Page

### They Can't Catch Up With The Flu Wog

That influenza you suffered, and which reduced you to sniffing, aching despondency, kept you away from work, put you off food and drink.... left you feeling like a wet rag.

Has never been effectively controlled, and there is no sign that it soon will be.

Only recently has a clear insight been gained by scientists into the general nature of flu and the common cold.

Scientists have now discovered that they are both virus diseases, but their work has been complicated by the fact that the diseases are caused by several strains of virus, and because it is impossible to cultivate the common cold virus successfully.

They have evolved vaccines, designed to provide limited immunity to the diseases, but can combat actual infection only indirectly by alleviating the general symptoms of the illnesses.

They are made from bacteria taken from the throats of people suffering from the diseases, or animals with similar infections.

Although many doctors claim to have had good results with the vaccines, scientists say that, because they are bacterial, there is little scientific basis for assuming that they will provide protection against purely virus diseases.

Intermittently an infinitely more

deadly form of influenza spreads from country to country, killing young and old, and in recent years it has spread rapidly throughout the entire world, killing millions.

These outbreaks are known as pandemics (world-wide epidemics), and scientists have calculated that they have a cycle of between 30 and 50 years.

#### 1918 Epidemic

The last, in 1918, spread to almost every country in the world within five months, and killed more people than the Great War it followed.

References to pandemics have been found in historical documents dating as far back as the 17th century, but the first important recorded outbreak was in 1781, when the disease spread from Asia to most of the European countries.

The time cycle of the pandemics suggests that a fresh outbreak could sweep the world at any moment from now on. The similarity between the general standard of health today and in 1918 stresses the danger.

Since 1918, fear of a new pandemic has lent urgency to the search for a cure for influenza.

Until 1933 little progress was made in research because many scientists were working on the assumption that influenza was a bacterial disease.

Then the whole trend of research was changed by the discovery that it was really a virus disease.

The principal difference between these two types of disease is that the virus can live and multiply only in living cells, while bacteria can live and multiply almost anywhere.

The virus is also comparatively much smaller than the bacterium and cannot be seen with an ordinary microscope. The influenza virus measures 1/250,000 of an inch. The Americans have photographed it through the electron microscope.

In 1933, the influenza virus was isolated by three English scientists, Smith, Andrews, and Laidlaw.

They accomplished this by taking material from the throats of influenza patients and filtering it through membranes which would hold back bacteria, but allow any virus to pass through.

#### Animal Check

To determine whether their filtrate really contained the influenza virus they inoculated it into the noses of all the animals used in laboratory work, and then checked the animals for symptoms of the disease.

None of these animals caught the infection, so they decided to try a breed of animal not generally used for experimental work.

They chose ferrets because they are known to be highly susceptible to distemper, a virus disease in dogs which quite closely resembles influenza.

Two days after the inoculation, the ferrets looked miserable, developed high temperatures, ran at the nose, and sneezed.

They were suffering from a typical attack of influenza.

This experiment proved beyond doubt that influenza was a virus disease, but the scientists wanted to be able to infect animals more suitable than ferrets for laboratory work.

They found they could give the disease to mice by a system of serial infections. They inoculated the influenza virus into the nose of one mouse, killed it, ground up its lungs, and inoculated the lung particles into another mouse.

After the fifth or sixth transmission they succeeded in giving the last mouse an unmistakable dose of flu.

Then it was discovered that the virus could be trained to grow in fertile hens' eggs.

Experiments with fertile eggs were pioneered by Australia's Dr. Burnet, who is still engaged in exploiting this field of research.

This vaccine is evolved by injecting influenza virus into a living embryo

### World Wide Health Service

The first session of the World Health Organisation has just ended. During the past month representatives of the 54 member countries have been laying the foundations of an international system of public health control.

Although the long-term programme of the Organisation covers every aspect of public health and control of diseases, priority is to be given to malaria, tuberculosis, maternal and child welfare, nutrition and hygiene. The 1949 budget allotted to these priorities totals £1,250,000.

It has been decided that Geneva will be the permanent headquarters of the World Health Organisation. In addition, it is proposed to set up regional offices in each of the following areas: Europe, Eastern Mediterranean, South-East Asia and the Western Pacific. North and South America will be represented by the Pan-American Sanitary Bureau.

The work of the regional offices will in the first place be the collection of information relating to epidemics and the incidence of disease within their own area. They will undertake the organisation and equipment of teams of medical experts and will promote the exchange of knowledge by arranging for doctors to visit other countries for the purposes of study.

In an egg, where it multiplies about 100,000,000 fold within 48 hours.

The virus is then transmitted through a series of eggs, gaining greatly in strength in the progression.

The virus taken from the last egg is killed by heating and used as a vaccine for subcutaneous inoculation.

To make the injections into the chick embryos, triangular holes are cut in the egg shells with dental drills. The embryos die from influenza between 48 and 72 hours after infection. During the war research experts at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute made a vaccine from weakened but living influenza virus, and tested it on Australian troops by spraying it into their nostrils.

They treated 50,000 troops, but the results were unsatisfactory, furnishing no evidence that the vaccine gave any substantial immunity.

#### Strictly Limited

Later, this type of vaccine was dropped entirely for vaccines made from virulent, killed virus, which produce a much higher degree of resistance in the human body.

The efficacy of this vaccine seems to be strictly limited, however, because even the most hopeful American results indicate that it affords only two months' immunity.

Scientists are striving to increase the immunity period of the vaccine, but are faced with the problem that several different strains of virus which cause influenza may all require separate vaccines.

But a different emphasis may be placed on the drive to combat influenza if Dr. Burnet obtains positive results from his latest experiments.

For the last two years he has been studying the attachment of the influenza virus to the living cell, and the manner in which the virus passes from one cell to another.

His experiments may lead to the development of a chemical weapon, perhaps a drug or a substance like penicillin, which would be capable of curing influenza patients by killing the infection in their bodies.

Inside the living cell, the influenza virus is practically invulnerable, and the success of a new chemical would depend on its ability to attack and kill the viruses as they left one set of cells to spread to another.

Very little is known about the virus strains which cause pandemic influenza, principally because scientists did not know that influenza was a virus disease during the last pandemic and 1918.

If a new pandemic breaks out before an effective combatant chemical is devised, scientists will probably attempt to reduce mortality by using a serum from convalescent patients.

So, even in the light of the recent ingenious achievements in medical research, the outlook for those people who are susceptible to the common cold and flu still isn't very cheerful.

Shaun McIlraith.

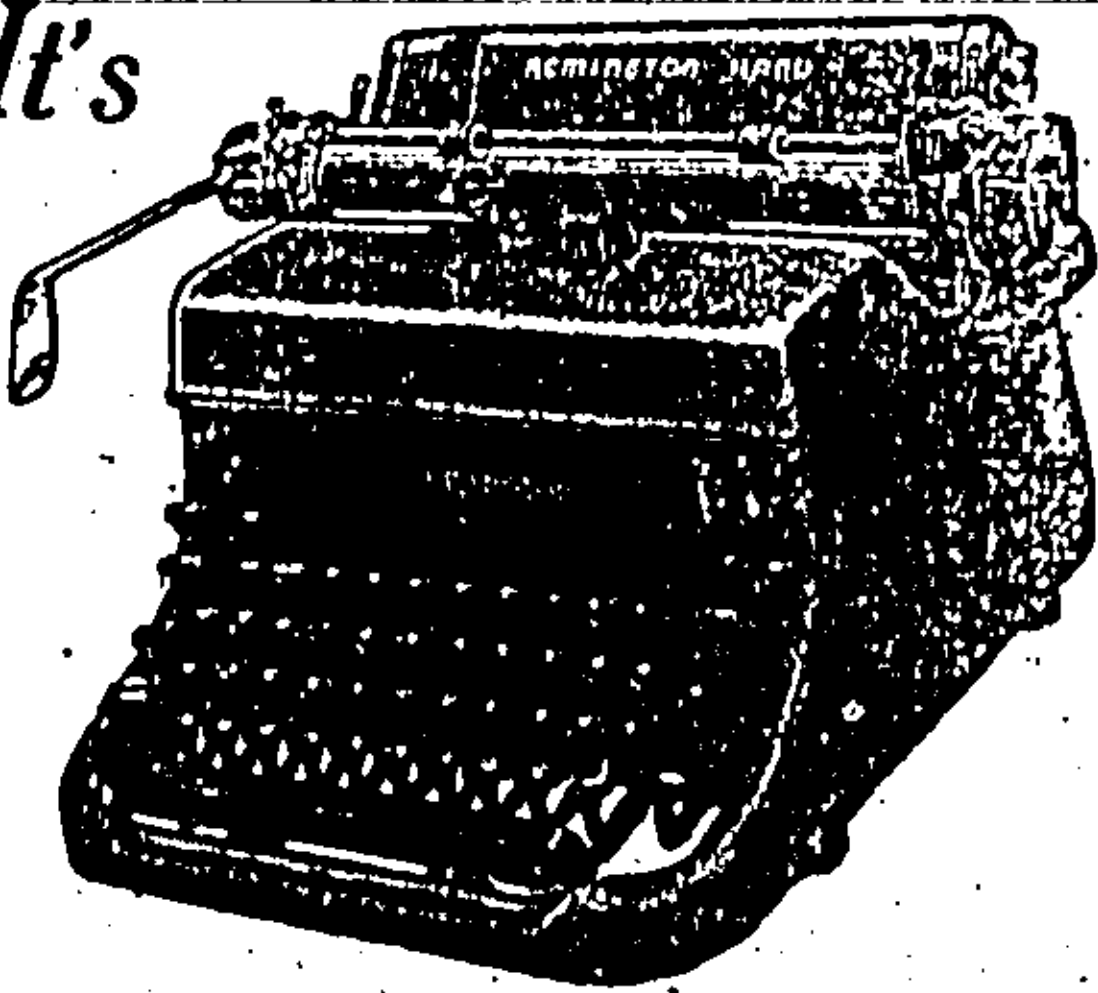
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### "THE PHOENIX AND THE TURTLE"

Eastern Service listeners to 'From the Third Programme' this week will hear 'The Phoenix and the Turtle' by William Shakespeare, with a talk on the poem by Bonamy Dobree. Professor Dobree, who has lectured at London University and has been Professor of English at Leeds University. The poem will be read by Douglas Lench. (Eastern: Monday, 11.30 p.m.)

### PORTRAIT OF A CROFTER

Seventy-four year old Alec Anderson of Hamar, in the north-west of the mainland isle of Shetland, the northernmost tip of Britain, is the centrepiece of the feature 'Shetland Crofter' this week. The isolation of the Shetlands has bred a sturdiness and self-sufficiency among the islanders, and a tradition of speech and life almost alien to the rest of Scotland. When they are not working as crofters the men go to sea as fishermen, and the women spin and weave their world-famous woollens in the croft houses which are still lit with oil lamps and warmed by peat fires. The broadcast gives a documentary portrait of Anderson, philosopher and realist, against this centuries-old background. Its writer is Mrs. Jenny Gilbertson of Hilswick, near Hamar, Glasgow-born and Shetland by adoption since her marriage to a Shetlander. Although Mrs. Gilbertson has photographed and directed her own documentary films, 'Shetland Crofter' is her first radio documentary. (General Overseas: Monday, 5.15 p.m., and Wednesday, 10.15 p.m.)

### "THE GOOD COMPANIONS"

A three-part radio version of 'The Good Companions', produced in the North Regional studios of the B.B.C., can be heard by overseas listeners for the next three weeks. J. B. Priestley's richly human and humorous story of the fortunes of a travelling concert party was an instant success when it first appeared as a novel twenty odd years ago. Since then there have been many reprints of the book as well as stage and film versions, and the story comes up as fresh as ever in this new radio setting. The reason, of course, is that Priestley wrote the whole thing with immense gusto and created a little band of people in Jess Oakroyd, Inigo Jolliffe, Miss Trant, Morton Mitcham et al., who will live long after the characters in many other best sellers have been forgotten. The adaptation and production are by James R. Gregson, and Part 1, 'Trio

## B.B.C. Highlights

with Chorus, can be heard in the BBC's General Overseas Service on Thursday at 6.00 p.m. and Friday at 11.15 p.m.

### Sunday, August 8.

#### Eastern Service

P.M.  
11.30 GIRL GUIDES EMPIRE RANGER WEEK. A world-wide radio picture of Girl Guides Ranger Week celebrations in Australia, Canada, South Africa, Bermuda, Ceylon, and Great Britain, with greetings from H.R.H. the Princess Royal and Lady Baden-Powell.

#### General Overseas Service

10.00 THE NEWS  
10.10 HOME NEWS FROM BRITAIN  
10.15 RING UP THE CURTAIN. BBC Theatre Orchestra. Conductor: Walter Goehr. Excerpts from Russian Operas

P.M.  
12.45 'THE CHURCHES AT WORK TOGETHER'. In Religious Broadcasting, by the Rev. Francis House.

P.M.  
1.30 FROM THE PROMENADE CONCERTS. BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. Conducted by Sir Malcolm Sargent. Clifford Curzon (piano). Piano Concerto No. 5 in E flat (Emperor). Beethoven (BBC recording)

2.15 THE OLYMPIC GAMES. A report

2.30 ENGLISH MAGAZINE including a report of the naming by H. R. H. Princess Margaret (on August 5) of the new South Pacific Mission Ship 'John William VI'

3.45 LANCASHIRE v. AUSTRALIA. Cricket: A summary

4.15 LISTENERS' CHOICE

5.30 SUNDAY SERVICE from the Convent of Our Lady of the Cenacle, Hampstead, London, conducted by Father Gerald Vann

6.30 IN TOWN TONIGHT. Interesting people who are in town tonight interviewed by John Ellison. 'On the Job' with Brian Johnston (BBC recording)

9.15 TWENTY QUESTIONS

11.00 RADIO NEWSREEL

11.15 OLYMPIC PROMENADE CONCERT from the Royal Albert Hall, London BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. Conducted by Sir Malcolm Sargent. Ida Haendel (violin). Concerto for violin and orchestra, No. 3 in G. Mozart. Theme and Variations (Suite No. 3 in G) Tchaikovsky

### Monday, August 9.

#### Eastern Service

P.M.  
11.30 FROM THE THIRD PROGRAMME. 'The Phoenix and the Turtle' by William Shakespeare, read by Douglas Lench. With a talk on the poem by Bonamy Dobree

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE  
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Throughout the week programmes may be interrupted for commentaries

A.M.  
10.00 THE NEWS

10.10 HOME NEWS FROM BRITAIN

A.M.  
11.45 LANDMARKS OF BRITAIN. 'Ely Cathedral'

P.M.  
12.15 SWEET SERENADE

1.30 VARIETY BANDBOX. Artists include: Rex Ramey and Bill Kerr

3.15 LISTENERS' CHOICE

4.45 MAINLY FOR WOMEN

5.15 'SHETLAND CROFTER' by Jenny Gilbertson. A radio study from the northernmost part of the United Kingdom

6.00 CHILDREN SINGING. The Cowlairs (Scotland) Co-operative Junior Choir, conducted by Agnes Duncan. John Talnash (tenor)

7.30 FROM THE THIRD PRO-

GRAMME. George Wyndham 1863-1913 by A. P. Ryan

8.15 HENRY HALL'S GUEST NIGHT

9.10 LANCASHIRE v. AUSTRALIA. Cricket: A commentary

9.30 Michael Miles in RADIO REVELS. An all-comedy show, with winners becoming 'Conductor of the Week' and 'Singer of the Week'. The Dance Orchestra, conducted by Stanley Black

10.45 BRITISH INDUSTRY 'Power Lines'. A talk by William Holt

11.15 Elsie and Doris Waters on tour with GERT AND DAISY'S WORKING PARTY. Guest: Jimmy Edwards

### Tuesday, August 10.

P.M.  
10.10 Interlude

Eastern Service

11.30 'THE OLD WIVES' TALE' by Arnold Bennett Dramatised for radio in twelve parts by Muriel Levy. Part 1

A.M.  
10.00 THE NEWS

10.10 HOME NEWS FROM BRITAIN

11.45 THE OLYMPIC GAMES. A report

P.M.  
12.15 RING UP THE CURTAIN. BBC Theatre Orchestra. Conducted by Clifton Hellwell. Doris Gambell (soprano) and Robert Irwin (baritone). In a programme of Early English Theatre Music

1.30 QUEEN'S HALL LIGHT ORCHESTRA. Conductor: Sidney Torch.

3.45 LANCASHIRE v. AUSTRALIA. Cricket: A summary

7.00 SCIENCE REVIEW

7.15 ELTON HAYES. 'He Sings to a small guitar'

8.15 BAND OF THE WELSH GUARDS. Conducted by Lieutenant F. L. Statham

9.30 THE KENTUCKY MINSTRELS

10.15 GLEBEITY RECITAL. Solomon (piano)

E flat French Suite. Bach

Italian Concerto. Bach

10.45 BRITISH FARMER. 'Has Ley-farming really arrived?' a talk by L. F. Easterbrook

11.00 RADIO NEWSREEL

Wednesday, August 11.

Eastern Service

P.M.  
11.30 LONDON. FORUM. Discussions between well-known people on important issues of the day

General Overseas Service

A.M.  
10.00 THE NEWS

10.10 HOME NEWS FROM BRITAIN

10.15 FROM THE PROMENADE CONCERTS. BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. Conducted by Sir Malcolm Sargent. Joan Alexander (soprano) Ronald Smith (piano). Suite No. 3 in D. Bach. Piano Concerto No. 5 in F minor. Bach. Arias (a) Stone beyond all jewels shining (Church Cantata No. 152); (b) My heart ever faithful (Church Cantat No. 68) Bach. (BBC recording)

P.M.  
12.45 'REMEMBER WHEN?' with Paula Green, and Hamish Menzies and Arthur Young at two pianos

1.30 LISTENERS' CHOICE

P.M.  
2.00 Robert Beatty in 'THE ODD STORY OF SIMON ODE'. A series in eight episodes by Lester Powell. 1: 'Situation Vacant'

2.30 COUNTRY MAGAZINE from Northern Ireland. Introduced by Ralph Wightman. Edited by Sam Hanna Bell

3.45 LANCASHIRE v. AUSTRALIA. Cricket: A summary

5.30 OUR PLEASURE TO PRESENT

..... Peter Dawson (baritone)

Rawicz and Laggauer (pianos). Herbert Dawson (organ) in a series of concerts. At the piano: Hubert Greenfield. Arranged and introduced by Doris Arnold

6.00 FROM THE PROMENADE CONCERTS. BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. Conducted by Sir Malcolm Sargent. Paul Tortelier (violin). March Slave. Tchaikovsky. Variations on a Rococo Theme for violoncello and orchestra. Tchaikovsky. (BBC recording)

7.00 REPORT FROM BRITAIN

7.15 LISTENERS' CHOICE

10.15 'SHETLAND CROFTER' by Jenny Gilbertson

10.45 SANDY MACPHERSON AT THE THEATRE ORGANO

11.00 RADIO NEWSREEL

11.15 BAND PARADE

### Thursday, August 12.

#### Eastern Service

P.M.  
11.30 BOOK OF VERSE. A series of anthologies of English poetry, compiled by John Arlott and Harry Craig

#### General Overseas Service

A.M.  
10.00 THE NEWS

10.10 HOME NEWS FROM BRITAIN

10.15 FROM THE PROMENADE CONCERTS. BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. Conducted by Sir Malcolm Sargent. Jean Pougnet (violin). Frederick Riddle (viola). Academic Festival Overture. Brahms

Sinfonia Concertante in E flat for violin, viola, and orchestra. Mozart (BBC recording)

11.45 THE OLYMPIC GAMES. A report

P.M.  
12.15 THE KENTUCKY MINSTRELS

2.15 THE OLYMPIC GAMES. A report

3.15 MUSIC HATH CHARMS. Sylvia Marriott and Douglas Taylor sing songs both old and new

Keep this page for use during the week.

3.30 THE EDINBURGH FESTIVAL. A talk by Moray McLaren

P.M.  
3.45 'DURHAM' v. AUSTRALIA. Cricket: An eye-witness account

6.00 'THE GOOD COMPANIONS' by J. B. Priestley, made into a three-part radio play and produced by James R. Gregson. 1: 'Trio with Chorus'

9.30 TIP-TOP TUNES. Gerald and his Orchestra

10.45 MAINLY FOR WOMEN

11.00 RADIO NEWSREEL

#### ATHLETICS

BRITISH EMPIRE v. U.S.A. It is hoped during the afternoon to broadcast a commentary on some of the events

11.15 BRITISH CONCERT HALL. London Philharmonic Orchestra. Conducted and presented by Basil Cameron. Overture: 'Roman Carnival' Berlioz. Pavane for a Dead Princess. Ravel. Alborada del Gracioso. Ravel. Tone Poem 'Tapioala'. Sibelius. Theme and Variations from Suite No. 3 in G. Tchaikovsky

### Friday, August 13.

#### Eastern Service

P.M.  
11.30 'LONDON MIRROR'. Reflections of life and thought in London today

A.M.  
General Overseas Service

10.00 THE NEWS

10.10 HOME NEWS FROM BRITAIN

P.M.  
1.00 TWENTY QUESTIONS

2.00 LISTENERS' CHOICE

2.15 THE OLYMPIC GAMES. A report

2.30 BOOKS TO READ

2.45 THEATRE TALK

3.45 'DURHAM' v. AUSTRALIA. Cricket: An eye-witness account

6.30 THE STREET WE LIVE IN. A story of life in London week by week

6.00 NEW RECORDS. Presented by Spike Hughes

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All Times Are H.K. Summer Time



## £125,000 A Year Sisters

This is about Miss Andrews, Miss Andrews, and Miss Andrews, collectively known—rather casually, it seems to me—as The Andrews Sisters. One is called Maxene, one Patty, and one, for some reason, LaVerne—spelt like that. One is blonde, one brunette, and one inclines to be red-headed. Oh, and they croon. Musically, to any tune. Financially, to some tune.

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And it must be satisfactory not only to send them away satisfied but to see the grateful creatures bringing you back £125,000 a year and laying it at your feet. That, if they care to work hard during the year, is what The Andrews Sisters can earn.

I have this on the personal authority of a very nice, friendly young man called Mr. Lou Levy, who is their manager, who married Maxene, and whose job is, therefore, secure. Except, perhaps, in the case of some most unlikely family dispute about which way to slice the baloney.

"But let me tell you something," he said earnestly. "Out of all the girls' earnings—radio, gramophone, stage, and film—they can only bank about £7,000 a year each. Taxes are terrific."

"Take this tour to England. The wardrobe alone cost £1,750. Then our party cost in fares alone about £4,500 return."

"About that £7,000 a year," I began. Said Lou: "And don't forget that you can usually only rely on about ten years of high earnings."

"Well, although the girls have been celebrating their tenth anniversary on Broadway, it's only in the last four or five years they've earned really big money. I've been buying annuities for them, and I reckon, if we keep going a few more years, they'll have income from them of about £25 to £30 a week."

"About that £7,000 a year," I said. "Is that clear? After deducting all costs, clothes, living, and so on?" "That's clear. To put by for a rainy day," he said.

### That's All

"That's all?" I said, thinking of my bank manager. "That's all," he said. "I see," I said. Crooning, it seemed to me, though sliced by taxes, still keeps you wolf-proof, just as baloney, whichever way you slice it, still remains baloney.

Now what about these nice girls personally? Because, they are nice girls. Just normal, well-dressed American girls, with normal habits. Their mother was a Norwegian. Their father was a Greek.

He was not a sailor. He was not a banker. Being a Greek, there is only one other likely job. You've guessed it: he was a small restaurant keeper. In Minneapolis. And in 1929, Pop went broke.

But they weathered the storm. Maxene once said newspapers. And when they started to make good they gave 25 per cent of their earnings to their parents as a token of appreciation. Not everybody would do that. Moreover, the first house they bought was for their parents.

Maxene is keen on amateur photography, sports, car-racing—and classical gramophone records.

LaVerne—spelt like that. I insist—the one they call "The Clothes Horse," because she's so interested in fashions and is always well-dressed. She sometimes designs their wardrobe.

And Patty they call "The Star," because they are certain that due to her singing and sense of comedy she will one day be a great star on her own. She's happy-go-lucky, and likes "hot" gramophone records.

Maxene and Lou have two nice children, aged one and two. Patty was

## New Books

### Redskins On The Last War Path

By Peter Quennell

A week ago I wrote of an historical novel which derived its inspiration from a single personality—the commanding and alarming personality of the great Cesare Borgia.

Here is an historical novel of a completely dissimilar type, a book that deals with men in the mass, with the fortunes of a primitive tribe who, in their desperate attempt to return to the past, almost slipped through history's fingers.

By the second half of the past century the Red Indians of North America

were a vanquished and disappearing race. Their hunting grounds had been taken from them; the lands promised in restitution had gradually been sliced away; sullen relics of a Stone Age civilisation, they watched the ugly, irresistible rush of 19th-century progress.

As a rule they had lost the heart for rebellion. But during the 1870's a small Indian tribe named the Cheyennes, who years earlier had been deported from their cool and fertile home among the Black Hills of Wyoming to an arid and unhealthy reservation several hundred miles southward, decided that if they were to survive as a community they must dare to disobey the White Man.

Only Wyoming offered a hope of safety. Their official guardians had forbidden them to move; but men, women, and children, marching by night, hiding on fighting by day, with the blind courage of migratory animals they launched into the unknown.

In *THE LAST FRONTIER* Howard Fast tells the tragic and heroic story of the Cheyennes' break for freedom. He relates it with rare skill combining several different points of view.

We see their flight as the Indian Agent saw it, a well-meaning, incompetent, muddle-headed personage; as it effected a number of professional soldiers, sent out by the Government to pursue and crush the runaways; finally, as it appeared to people in Washington, for whom the death agony of the Cheyenne tribe was an irritating but unimportant episode, involving awkward questions by journalist and reams of tiresome paperwork.

A very few of the Cheyennes eventually struggled home to the hills they had been seeking, and by a tardy act of grace they were permitted to remain there. But the greater number died on the road—in battle, of hunger and exhaustion, or massacred by guards when they tried to leave their prison camp.

Meanwhile, 10,000 highly equipped troops, supported by artillery, had been playing a nightmare game of hide-and-seek with 500 almost naked savages; and many of the ugliest, and some of the nobler, human characteristics had been displayed in violent action.

Written in a rapid and dramatic style, without any of the usual false sentimentality or customary lapses into melodrama, Howard Fast's novel is a book I warmly recommend.

#### UNDER REVIEW

*The Last Frontier*, by Howard Fast. The Bodley Head, 6s. 6d.

## Quick Looks

Samuel Johnson, by Joseph Wood Krutch. (Cassell, 21s.)

Johnson is one of those great men whom we love all the more because we know that we shall never meet them. We can enjoy his conversational gusto, but we shall never be "tossed and gored" because a chance remark has excited him to sudden fury. This biographical volume, the work of an American scholar, is as sensible a summing-up as has yet appeared on either side of the Atlantic.

*From Smoke to Smother*, by Douglas Reed. (Cape, 10s. 6d.)

To listen to Cassandra is always a rather painful privilege, but so many of the prophecies uttered in "Insanity Fair" have subsequently come true that the general reader must feel his pervers for a further bout of scolding. Reed allows us a dwindling glimmer of hope: it is just possible, though improbable, that the impending world conflict may at the last moment be avoided.

*Bernard Shaw Through the Camera* Selected and Introduced by F.E.

## Advocate Of Empire

By Roy Wilkinson

In Britain to-day is "Bob" Gordon Menzies, Australia's 63-year-old Opposition leader. Recently, at an Empire Unity Campaign meeting in London, this man, who has been described as Australia's Winston Churchill, raised the cry of William Pitt: "Be one people."

Said Menzies—the man who looks like a Prime Minister—"We forget we are one people. I understand someone believes that in the future we should be of different nationalities. I hope to die, in due course, as British as when I was born."

At home few Australians who have a radio set fail to tune in when Menzies is speaking. In his latest broadcast the nation's most popular speaker put the query: "Does the 'British' matter to-day? Does it matter to us and, what is more important, does it matter to the world: to the ordinary sweating, suffering humanity, to the world's peace, to the world's justice?"

And this smartly dressed barrister whose great hobby is watching cricket, went on: "We have got into the wrong attitude of mind. We are like English cricketers. We are so conscious of the enormous strength of our adversaries, of our difficulties and of the immense cunning of Mr. Johnson or the violent speed of Mr. Lindwall that we are not at all sure we can come off the defensive. We are still too much in the 'We can take it' state of mind."

Far from the low rambling cricket-covered house which is his Melbourne home, this forthright Empire advocate said: "When we discuss the relationship of Britain and Australia it is no more a matter of alliance than is the relationship between a brother and a sister. When the voice of the man who goes from the Foreign Office of Britain to a conference in Europe is regarded as the voice only of Great Britain then to that extent the British Empire throws away its own strength and its own authority."

This man who has held almost every Government post, and by turn of phrase has likened himself in Australian eyes to Mr. Churchill, ended with these words on emigration. "We must not talk of it in a dull way. We must not do it merely as people who see a loss here or a gain there, but as people who believe and who are determined that wherever we may be, in our various dominions round the world we are still British, one people owing one allegiance to one Crown, and are still determined, come rain or fine, to stand together until the crack of doom."

*Loewenstein*. (B. H. White, 15s.)

(Monday.) An indispensable addition to any Shavian bookshelf. Shaw with a red beard, Shaw with a white beard, Shaw wearing a cloak, a helmet, G.B.S., playboy and patriarch, always the centre of picture.

*Adventures With a Naturalist*, by Roy Bedichek. (Gollancz, 12s. 6d.) (Monday.)

Roy Bedichek is an American naturalist. Though the subjects of which he writes are often unfamiliar, he writes of them in the pleasantly discursive, amiably rambling manner that derives from William of Selborne.

*Les Auberges de France*, 1948, published by the "Club des Sans-Club" (English Edition, 12s.)

This first English version of a remarkable guide book (which has been published annually in French since 1924) should prove extremely useful to the franc-starved tourist in France who goes in search of good food, the best wines, a comfortable bed, and a cordial welcome, all at reasonable prices. It covers the whole of France, and seeks out not the famous luxury hotels, but the smaller, moderately priced houses with a high standard of cooking and service, and it caters for every taste.

## B.B.C. Highlights

(Continued from Page 10)

8.15 QUEEN'S HALL LIGHT ORCHESTRA. Conductor: Sidney Torch

9.00 FROM TODAY'S PAPERS

10.15 BBC NORTHERN ORCHESTRA. Conductor: Charles Groves.

Symphony No. 8 in F.... Beethoven.

10.45 THE UNIVERSITIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH: THE OXFORD CONGRESS. Last of six talks

11.00 RADIO NEWSREEL

11.15 'THE GOOD COMPANIONS'

Saturday, August 14.

Eastern Service

P.M.

11.30 RADIO ROUNDABOUT. A programme for all English-speaking young people in Indian and Pakistan. General Overseas Service

A.M.

10.00 THE NEWS

10.10 HOME NEWS FROM BRITAIN

REMEMBER WHEN?

10.20 TIP-TOP TUNES

11.45 THE OLYMPIC GAMES. A report.

P.M.

12.15 BBC MIDLAND LIGHT ORCHESTRA. Conducted by H. C. Burgess. George Middleton (baritone)

1.30 Elsie and Doris Waters on Tour with GERT AND DAISY'S WORKING PARTY. Introducing local talent from Ipswich. Guest artist: Peter Waring

2.15 THE OLYMPIC GAMES. A report.

3.15 LISTENERS' CHOICE

4.45 THE COMMON SENSE OF SCIENCE. First of five talks by Dr. J. Bronowski on the growth of science and its creative ideas in relation to Society and the Arts

6.00 'THE OLD WIVES' TALE' by Arnold Bennett. Dramatised for radio in twelve parts by Muriel Levy. Part 1

6.30 MUSIC WHILE YOU WORK

7.00 WORLD AFFAIRS

7.15 ENGLAND v. AUSTRALIA THE FIFTH CRICKET TEST MATCH.

A ball-by-ball description from the Oval of the first day's play. Commentators: Rex Alton, John Arlott and Alan McGilvray, assisted by Arthur Gilligan and E. W. Swanton

10.10 HOME NEWS FROM BRITAIN

10.15 RADIO NEWSREEL

10.30 SATURDAY SPORT including commentaries on the Fifth Test Match and the Olympic Games (Programme announcements included at a suitable time).

married recently, and LaVerne is to be married in the autumn. Which kinda cleans 'em up, matrimonially, and is about all I can tell you.

All, because Lou was not letting on what they'll get at the London Palladium. I'm told it's like this: if you accept too little, it's bad for prestige in America. If you're given too much it leads to bad feeling over here. Life's tough, huh?

JOHN BINGHAM





**Lane Norcott**

### Third Programme

6.0 p.m.—CHIZIK  
An anthology of passages from the work of this little-known 12th-century Radiki poet, read by Dr. Karl Elapp, Professor of Onomatopoeia, Bloomsbury University.

(This the 17th in a series of 32 weekly talks on Chizik.)

6.45—WATER WORKS OF THRUMS.  
Charles Serpent, the B.B.C.'s Scottish correspondent, describes his visit to these Water Works, situated in the heart of the J. M. Barrie country.

(B.B.C. recording)

7.17—EUCLID CROSSES THE PONS

ASINORUM.

A satirical Comedy for broadcasting

First narrator ..... Garnet Clarke

Second narrator ..... Garnet Clarke

Third narrator ..... Garnet Clarke

King Ptolemy I ..... Sef de la Serge

A singing boy ..... Wilfred Boyd-Smythe

An angle at the base of an

isosceles triangle ..... Vestry Brent

A straight line ..... Coventry Cousins

Euclid ..... R. D. B. Domby

B.B.C. Chorus of Pythagoreans, under

the direction of Wilberforce Grout

Harpichord accompaniment played by

Agnes Truffie.

(Wilfred Boyd-Smythe broadcasts by

arrangement with the Cheltenham

Amateur Dramatic Society.)

8.40—EUPHRONIUS, THE POTTER.

Talk by Saubho Dulwich.

Mrs. Dulwich, who is a Fellow of St

Switthine College, Leeds, discusses the

art of this famous Athenian potter and

vase painter, who lived in the fifth

century B.C.

Part I.

9.20. Interlude.

9.45—EUPHRONIUS, THE POTTER.

Part II.

11.40—"MARYA, THE SICK BAKER'S

WIFE."

A Russian folk tale related in Latin

by Professor W. C. Fewer.

(Monday's recorded broadcast

repeated.)

12 midnight. Close Down.

**Paging Democracy**

Where proof needed that interna-

tional conferences should always be

held at the lowest levels rather than

the highest levels then, we suggest, it

is to be found in abundance by simply

glancing out of the window of any rail-

way train in any part of what used to

be known as the civilised world.

Nowhere is the common man's in-

stinctive love of peace so plainly de-

monstrated as in the backyards and

the fields.

"Let any ordinary little chap accu-

se object that was mass produced for

the sole purpose of destroying some

other ordinary little chap of a different

nationality, and in no time at all he

will convert it into something handy

for the home—a pigeon loft, perhaps,

or a dog kennel.

Give Mothers a discarded gas-cane.

General, and watch her carefully. Un-

less we're very much mistaken she will

promptly throw it over her head and

go out into the rain and bring in the

washing.

And so it goes on and on and on.

General, jumps into tractors, aeroplane

floats into bidders' boats, fire-cares into

paper-wraps, shelters into prattlers,

and parachutes into ladies' underwear.

It wouldn't surprise us in the least

General, if you yourself use your old

war maps to find nice places for pic-

nics.

Yet never in the whole course of his-

tory has the reverse happened. Never,

we fancy, has an ordinary little chap

gone out into his bicycle-shed and, at

his own free will converted his bicycle

into a flying bomb.

Well, were we looking for signs of

lasting peace today, we should know

just where to look. We should peer

over the fence into the back-yard of

the Kremlin. If there was an old Tiger

tank there filled with roosting chickens,

we should feel grand.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 1948.

## Over to You

### NEWS QUIZ

1. Mr. Thomas E. Dewey, Republican Presidential candidate, and President Truman joined this week in calling for greater co-operation between nations of the world. It was the first time that the two presidential opponents of the two major American parties had appeared together on the same platform at any public function. What was the occasion?

2. The hotel rates in Hong Kong which were revised by the Quartering Authority at the end of last week shot up again to their July 31 level when the Government abrogated the legislation. What Quartering Authority reduced the rates in the first place?

3. Still on the sore subject of the hotel rates, a "Hotel Rate Committee" of seven has been set up to consider the question. Can you name any of the seven?

4. Since Sunday last, when it was first reported missing, a giant six-engine French seaplane has been lost in the Atlantic Ocean, off the West African coast. Each day it was reported as being either "lost" or "found." What is the name of this seaplane?

5. The new Chief Justice in the Colony took his place on the Bench on Thursday of last week. Who is he?

(Answers on Page Two)

### GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. You probably learned this in school, so can you remember what is the feminine form of the word testator?

2. Arrange these planets in size from largest to smallest: Earth, Moon and Sun.

3. What is meant by abrogating a law?

4. The quotation "It was a famous victory" does not apply to Waterloo, but it could. The battle was fought near the village of Waterloo, and do you know in what country is Waterloo?

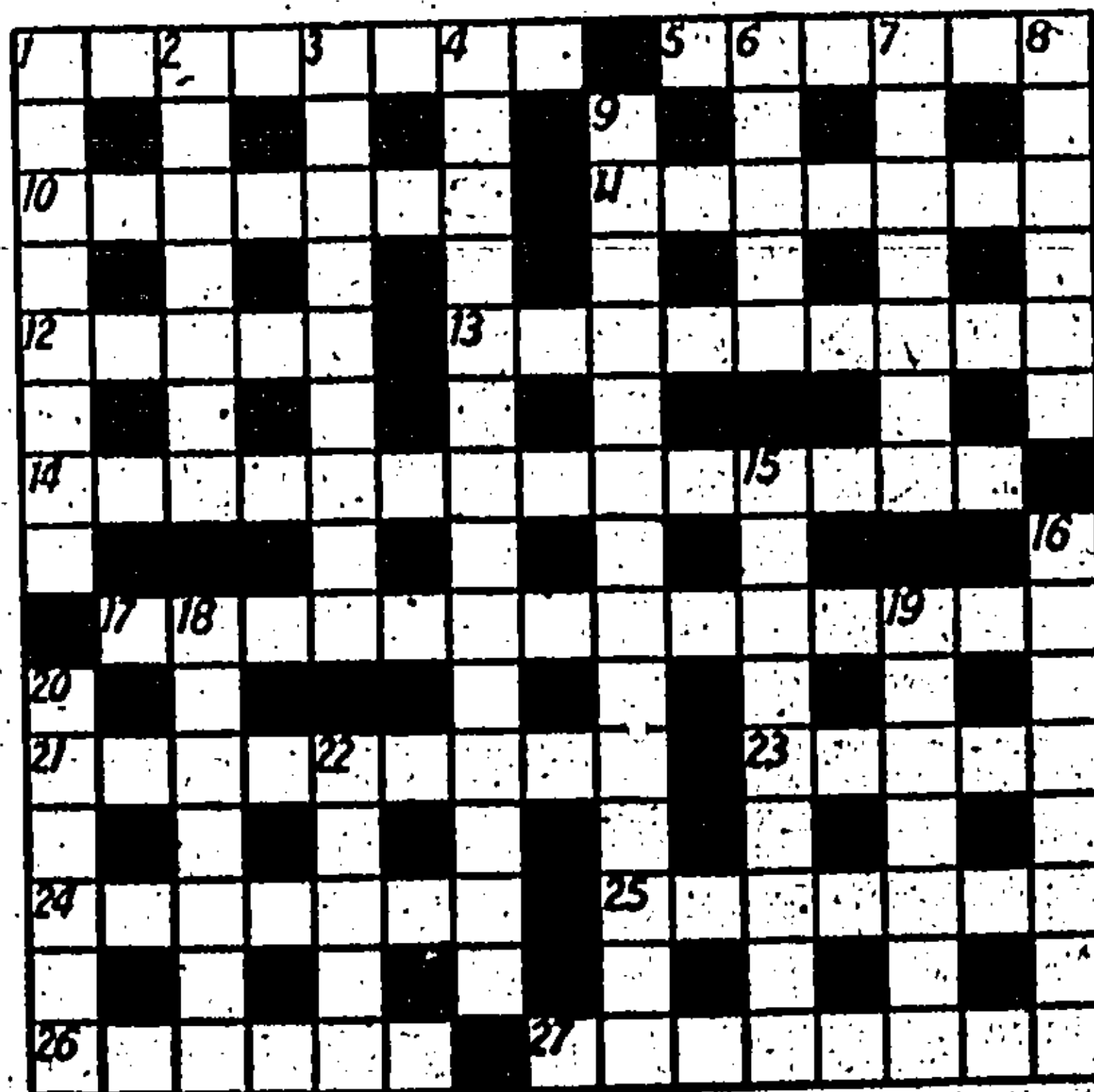
5. Referring back to Question 1, what is the feminine form of the title maharaja?

6. You know the primary colours, of course, but there are also three colours known as the "secondary colours." What are they?

7. What is the correct height for a tennis net?

(Answers in Page Four)

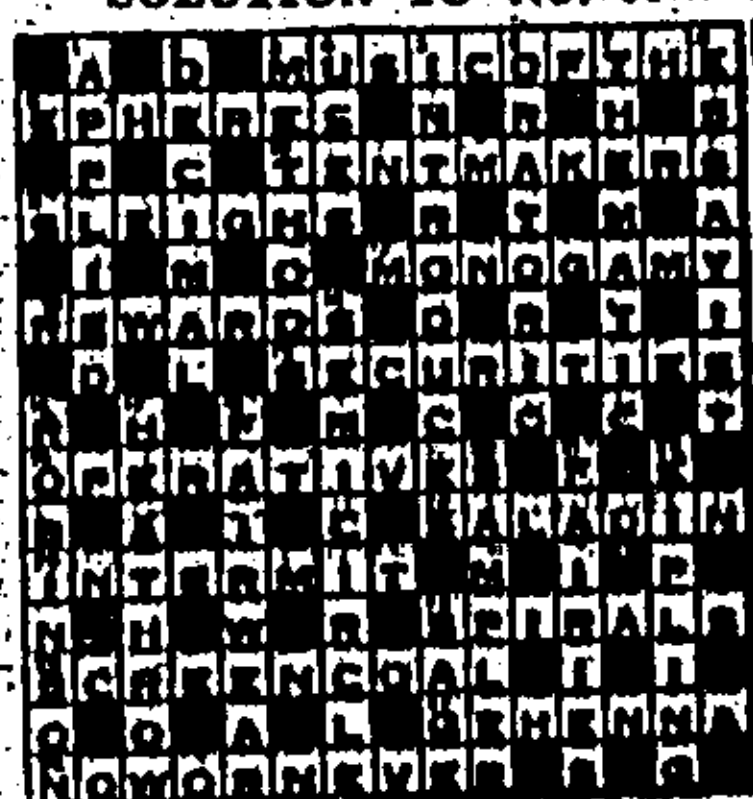
## THE SUNDAY HERALD CROSSWORD No. 68



### ACROSS

- Way down below. (3, 5)
- Edward was of the Scots. (6)
- No agent would take it on. (7)
- Quite the reverse of submarine. (7)
- Birds that scoff. (5)
- A screamingly catty remark. (6)

### SOLUTION TO NO. 67



- Colourless pictures. (6, 8)
- Date to seek a cat, for tea. (7, 7)
- Liberate the author. (9)
- Fibre from a tiny island. (5)
- The first man to be confused in female embrace. (7)
- An old language in one. (7)
- Relatives of the pawn-broker? (6)
- Original land-marks for chasers. (8)

### DOWN

- Support the mines. (3, 5)
- State of strain. (7)
- Not necessarily leading vessels. (9)
- The latest Paris styles? for salad days. (6, 8)
- See 20.
- Am stung in getting a horse. (7)
- Engineer partner, in fact. (9)
- The way to escape a political lorry. (11, 3)
- I ain't mean enough to be this. (9)
- What the fairy does to the cowlip's ear, of course. (9)
- Work in the theatre, but not on the stage. (7)
- Home of model worker. (7)
- 6 is this Easterner's king. (6)
- Plain name of the site Abraham bought for a family tomb. (5)



## BRIDGE

So big is the proportion of hands which cannot be fitted into conventional slam-bidding harness that the average player will be a steady gainer by using the simple Four No-trumps Blackwood convention only—i.e., without the Five No-trumps—for bulk cue-bidding. A check on Aces is essential—the rest can be left to card sense. Advantage in restricting the Blackwood to the Four No-trumps bid only is two-fold: (a) the Five No-trumps bid can be used as a natural bid for a sign-off when this is the safest contract; and (b) after using the Four No-trumps bid a switch to an individual cue bid will often give precise information. A cue bid can be followed by the Blackwood here

|         |           |
|---------|-----------|
| West.   | East.     |
| S A K x | S x x     |
| H Q x x | H A K x   |
| D A x x | D K Q x x |
| C x x   | C A Q x x |

The actual bidding by an expert pair who came to grief on this hand was: West, One Heart, East, Three Clubs; West, Three Diamonds; East, Four Diamonds; West, Four No-trumps; East, Five Hearts (two Aces); West, Five No-trumps; East, Seven No-trumps, ignoring a Blackwood response. The response against the King of Clubs succeeded, and a trick was developed in Hearts in the end-game, so that the declarer was only one down.

The feature of special interest here is how little information was given by use of the Blackwood by West. East's jump take-out of Three Clubs had already promised two first-round controls (almost certainly Aces). The partners could have got more precise information if West had bid Four Spades (a cue bid) over Four Diamonds. Then East might have bid Four No-trumps, wasting no bids. After West's response of Five Hearts, showing two Aces, East with a ruffing value in Spades and six other winners in support of Diamonds, might have bid Seven Diamonds if he considered a Grand Slam a 2 to 1 on chance, but the safer bid is Six Diamonds.

## Hurry Son!



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Time



# SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES FOR COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

## NUDISTS' BARE AIMS REVEALED

May's Landing, N.J., August 6.

Naked but shivering delegates to the American Sunbathers Convention today hoped mother nature would get in the swing of things and peel off the clouds covering the skies.

After two days of intermittent rains which obscured the blemishes of the nudist delegates, the thermometer tumbled to near record lows last night and tinged the overall sunbathing of the nudists with blue.

Over 200 delegates in the flesh returned to camp because of the elements. But they limited their activities to informal business meetings and indoor sports in their birthday suits.

The weatherman promises partly cloudy skies this afternoon and sunshine, and then it is hoped to prepare for the highlight of the annual four-day meeting tomorrow when they will choose their king and queen—the man and woman with the best suntan all over. However "quite cool" weather was forecast for tonight. —United Press.

## EMBASSY NOW A SCHOOL

Berlin, August 6.

The former Japanese Embassy in Berlin, which was only slightly damaged during the war, is being converted into an Evangelical high school. The Japanese Embassy was completed shortly before the outbreak of hostilities in 1939.

In April, 1945 when the Russian armies approached Berlin, the Japanese diplomats refused to evacuate the building to SS storm troops. As a result, it was saved from destruction. The home of Alfred Krupp has been turned into a Catholic high school. —United Press.

## KILLED INSIDE BRITISH ZONE

Hamburg, August 6.

Luenberg police today reported that Soviet guards shot dead a German youth on the Russian-British frontier in the Luenberg area last night.

Police said that the youth, Rudolf Locke, 17, of Halle in the Soviet zone dashed across the frontier with a companion. Locke was shot dead when 50 yards inside the British zone. —Associated Press.

## FENG'S FAREWELL TO AMERICA

New York, August 6.

The Committee for Democratic Far Eastern Policy issued a farewell letter today "to American friends" from Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang, who left for Hong Kong.

The letter said: "I am returning to China to participate in the new political consultative conference. The biggest difference between this new political consultative conference and the former one held in Chungking in 1946 is that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and his reactionary cliques will not be included.

"The new PCC will include the Chinese Communist Party, the Revolutionary Committee of the Kuomintang, the Democratic League, other Chinese democratic parties and Chinese leaders with no party affiliation.

"The main function of the new PCC is to co-ordinate all Democratic forces in China to form a

## HK INCLUDED IN EASTERN GROUP

London, August 6.

The Colonial Development Corporation, set up by the Government to promote production in the colonies and given borrowing powers up to £100,000,000, is to establish five regional subsidiary companies to cover the main groups of colonies.

The areas covered by each company will be:

The Far East: Brunei, Hong Kong, Malaya, North Borneo, Sarawak, Singapore. Its office will be at Singapore.

The West Indies: Barbados, British Guiana, British Honduras, Jamaica, Leeward Islands, Trinidad, and Tobago, Windward Islands. Its office will be at Kingston, Jamaica.

West Africa: Gambia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone. Its office will be at Lagos.

Central Africa: Basutoland, Bechuanaland, Northern Rhodesia, Abyssinia, Swaziland. Its office will be at Lusaka.

East Africa: Kenya, Tanganyika Territory, Uganda, Zanzibar. Its office will be at Nairobi.

All five will be owned by the main Corporation.

"They will not generally act as the Corporation's agents in their areas, particularly in the investigation of projects and the management of undertakings, and will have a reasonable measure of independence in day-to-day matters under the general supervision of the Corporation," the announcement said.

### Far East Director

A Board of a Chairman and four Directors would be appointed to each.

It is intended that each group of colonies will be the special interest of a member of the Board of the Corporation, who will, whenever he is in the Board of the Corporation, who will, whenever he is in the territory, act as Chairman of the regional subsidiary for his area.

"The other four Directors of each will be resident in the area. It is the intention of the Corporation progressively to have a representative in each colony."

These colonies which do not fall readily into regional groupings would, for the time being, be dealt with direct by the Corporation.

Mr. F. S. McFadden, formerly Financial Secretary to the Malayan Union Government, has been appointed a resident Director for the Far East Corporation. —Reuter.

## TENNESSEE ELECTION DISORDER

Nashville, Tennessee, August 6.

The Governor of Tennessee, Mr. Jim McCord, ordered a National Guard (Territorial Army) unit to stand by today after the Sheriff of Polk County told him that disorders there were getting out of control.

One man was killed on Thursday night and another was found dead today, shot through the back in Polk County.

The disorders developed on Thursday as Tennessee voters administered a smashing defeat to the political organization of the Democratic political leader, Mr. E. H. Crump.

The Governor of Tennessee later ordered the National Guardmen to move into Polk County.

The candidates whom Crump backed for the offices of Senator and Governor of Tennessee were apparently defeated according to now almost complete returns.

This is the first major political defeat for Mr. Crump during 20 years to have developed over the counting of ballots. —Associated Press.

## Haul Of HK Medicine

Canton, August 6.

Ten thousand million Chinese dollars worth of smuggled medicine was the haul made by Canton Customs officers when they boarded a Chinese vessel plying between Hong Kong and Canton.

The medicine is reported to have been found in a secret storage compartment in a coal bunker of the vessel. —Reuter.

## KILROY WAS THERE

Denver, August 6.

The police arrested Leroy Kilroy, 30, today for complicity in the burglary of the Penny Arcade.

Kilroy admitted that he was there. —United Press.

## RECOVERY AHEAD OF TIME-TABLE?

Washington, August 6.

Former Democratic Senator Burton Wheeler said today he does not believe that the 16 Marshall Plan countries will need American help for the full four years.

## TRIED TO KIDNAP NEWSMAN

Berlin, August 6.

Two Germans who admitted being agents for the Russians were sentenced today to seven years' gaol in a United States Military Government court for an attempted kidnapping in the American sector of Berlin.

H. Stark, 35, and W. Rothe, 56, were convicted on charges that they sought to lure Dr. Wilhelm Dulberg, a German journalist, into the Soviet sector of Berlin on orders from a Russian Major.

Dr. Dulberg said he believed the Russians wanted him because he had participated in discussions with Soviet officials while he was an interpreter for the American counter-intelligence corps.

Fraulein Stark, who said she was paid 500 marks and her food by the Russians, and Rothe, a taxi cab owner hired by the Russians, were caught in a police trap at Dulberg's home.

Rothe's attorney told the court his client "was in the grip of the Russian secret police and had to carry out their orders." —Associated Press.

## JAP NURSES IN AMERICA

San Francisco, August 6.

Four Japanese nurses from St. Luke's Hospital in Tokyo arrived here in the liner President Wilson to take graduate courses in various phases of nursing at U.S. universities.

They are the first post-war winners of Rockefeller scholarships in Japan. —Associated Press.

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## HOLLAND GETS A LABOUR PREMIER

The Hague, August 6.

Dr. Josephus Van Schaik, Chairman of the Second Chamber of the States General, has submitted a new Dutch Coalition Cabinet under M. Willem Drees, Labour, to Princess Regent Juliana.

## HOPE ALMOST GIVEN UP

Paris, August 6.

The French authorities said today that they are almost ready to abandon the search for the giant Air France flying boat which disappeared over the middle of the Atlantic last Sunday with 52 persons aboard.

They were not certain, however, that the wreckage found floating on the Atlantic is that of the missing six-engine Latécoere 631. The crew of the United States Coast Guard cutter, Campbell, said that debris indicated that the plane may have exploded in flight and burned in mid-air or on landing.

Air France officials said the first reports indicated that the wreckage was not similar to the type of equipment carried by the flying boat and asked for further details. Meanwhile the search for survivors continued. —United Press.

## DEFENCE FORCE FOR SHANGHAI

Shanghai, August 7.

The Ministry of National Defence has approved the Shanghai-Woosung Garrison Command's recent proposal for the formation of a Garrison Brigade to reinforce defence forces, according to Chinese press reports today.

The new Brigade will be composed of Shanghai conscripts and will be used solely for the protection of the city. —Reuter.

## LAPHAM RETURNS TO SHANGHAI

Shanghai, August 7.

Mr. Roger D. Lapham returned to Shanghai yesterday from Nanking, where he witnessed the exchange of notes authorising the formation of a Sino-American rural reconstruction commission.

The chief of the ECA China Mission has been absent from the city since July 22, visiting North China. —Reuter.

## U.S. EMBASSY IN CEYLON

Washington, August 6.

The United States has established an Embassy in Ceylon. The Ambassador is Mr. Felix Cole. —Associated Press.

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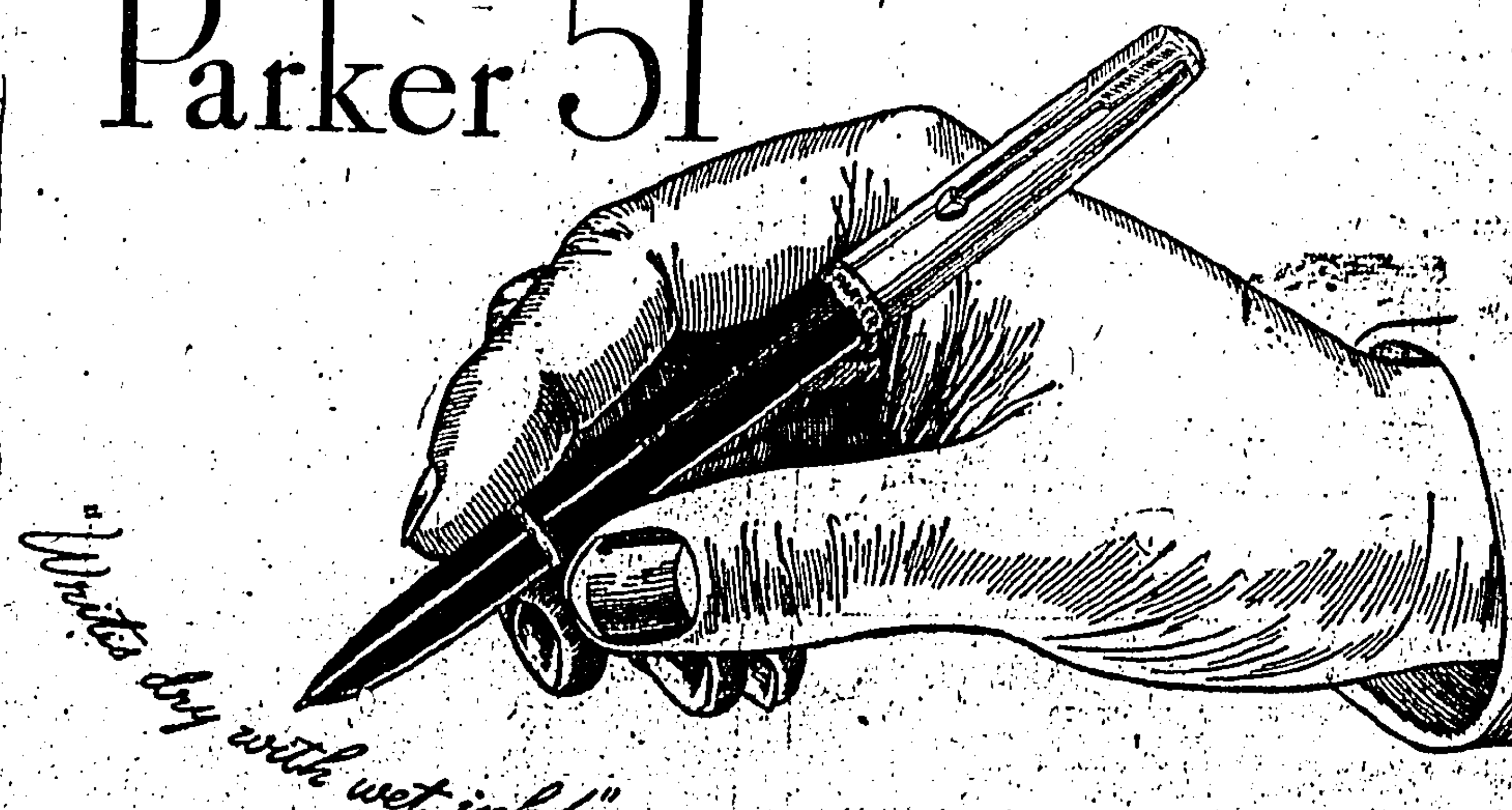


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# BETWEEN OURSELVES

## JANET MARTIN REPORTS ON FASHIONS IN SHANGHAI

Despite the many difficulties of life in China, the ladies of the foreign communities in Shanghai still maintain their reputation as leaders of fashion in the Far East.

This is the impression I have brought back from a recent visit, together with a notebook filled with new ideas and clever adaptations of the current mode, especially suited to our life and climate.

Perhaps it is due to a friendly rivalry between the many nationalities comprising the foreign community of the city which makes Shanghai so eminently fashion conscious. Even in these days, there is that cosmopolitan atmosphere about it which provides an added inspiration to the well dressed woman.

To compensate for shortages in imported materials and ready-made dresses, there are many excellent tailors, quick to take up new ideas and full of ingenuity in suggesting improvements, particularly in the employment of local talent for embroidery and handwork.

### Silks Popular

Rich Chinese brocaded silks, for instance, are used, in glowing colours, to make up into glamorous evening jackets in delicate pastel shades of duck-egg blue or parchment, for luxurious mucoats and hostess gowns.

From all my recollections, from the gaiety of play suits around the American swimming pool, the simplicity of cool cottons and the sophistication of silk cocktail gowns, to the exquisite evening gowns to be seen on dancing nights at the French

Club—I have noted many ensembles worth of special mention to the observer of fashion.

Full silk, dyed in every delightful shade imaginable, is first favourite for plain dresses on account of its washability, its creaselessness and the fastness of the dyes. One morning frock, in dusty pink, is cut in the button-through style, fitted "sun-top" bodice with wide shoulder straps and full skirt cut in flared panels and gathered at the waist. The broad belt and buttons are in self material, while the skirt and bodice top are trimmed with rows of rle rae braid in white. A sleeveless jacket, reaching to within an inch of the waistline completes the outfit.

### Style Spying

For afternoon, another model in full silk, navy-blue, this time is cut on simple lines, with high round neck, a wide shoulder line, forming the minute bodice and full gathered skirt are tucked horizontally from neck to hem, the tucks being hand stitched with heavy white embroidery silk. In natural coloured silk, there is a charming gown for more formal occasions. This has a low neckline and little cap sleeves over deep armholes. The skirt

has eight full-gored panels, fitting snugly over the hips and swirling out to a wide hemline. The neck is edged with four narrow bands of silk, fagot stitched together, while the skirt has eight similar bands inserted about six inches above the hem. The effect of this trim of simple embroidery is quite delightful, the essence of that feminine touch demanded by fashion.

### Pique Peek

White pique is the world's choice for this summer's chic, and the simpler the better it line and cut are right.

I spotted a little beach frock, looking as crisp and fresh as the morning... just a four panel skirt, slightly flared and perfectly fitted, the neck cut in a deep square back and front and framed with a wide square collar. No trimming at all, but a narrow belt in the same material.

A dinner gown, which might well have come straight from Paris, but which is all Chinese, both material and making, though designed by the wearer, is made from bordered material, printed in lacquer on a white ground. The bodice is draped from one shoulder across the front, while a small wing showing the border design swings from the other shoulder. The skirt is intricately

draped, in slanting tiers, each tier showing the border design... a gown for the sophisticated woman, and one of the most charming interpretations of the asymmetrical line I have seen.

### Dancing Designs

For dancing, there are two gowns I must mention, for their originality and inspired "touch." One is made from Chinese brocaded nylon in the palest turquoise shade, embellished with tiny silk-and-ratin flowers. The bodice has draped shoulders and draped panels crossing over at the front. The skirt is cut very full-flared and gathered in two draped panels, at either side of the waist, back and front.

The waist is encircled by a wide, stiffened inset belt, shaped to the figure, and... touch of genius... every little embroidered flower on the belt is outlined in gold thread.

The other is a two-piece... skirt and top. Chinese flowered cotton print in candy pink and white on a navy ground makes a swinging circular skirt, set into a wide midriff band. The top is a candy pink shantung blouse with a deep square neck, outlined with a band of flowers, picking out all the colours in the skirt, in washable plastic sequins!

## ARE YOU FRIENDS WITH THE SUN?

By CLAUDIA

Now, while we are in the midst of the really hot part of the season, seems an appropriate time to enquire how you and the sun are getting on together.

The sun is no stickler for etiquette, he'll burn you up in a minute if he gets the chance, so it's up to you to keep on good terms.

The only really cool place these days is in the sea, and we are tempted to go as often as we can stay there as long as we like. That's all very well if you and the sun get on well together. By now, you will have acquired a smooth, even tan, your skin is acclimatised to the rays, and you don't have to worry about burning.

Still, it's just as well to take clock and see whether you are, perhaps, doing a bit too well! The last thing you want is to get the "weather-beaten look."

So, if your inspection reveals signs of dried up skin, dry lips, too much sun, or white crow's feet wrinkles around the eyes... caused not by age, but by too much squinting against the glare; well, it is time for you to allow the friendship to cool off a little.

### Pamper Your Skin

Baby your skin; coddle it a little; and don't stay out in the sun so long. Use plenty of suntan oil on your back, legs and arms. Always apply an emollient sun-proof cream to your face.

At night, or before the bath, put in a liberal dose of fairly rich skin food... your skin really needs extra nourishment to balance the very drying effect of the sun and salt water.

Make yourself a pair of thin cotton slacks from something gaily printed or brightly striped.

go over your playsuits, and a voluminous beach skirt or two under which you can tuck up your legs.

### Night Bathing

If your skin gets red and sore, you'll dab it liberally with calamine lotion which you have had your chemist tint to an attractive suntan shade... so that it will cool the skin and tone down the angry colour at the same time.

The best time for you to bathe is early in the morning or in the evening, before dinner... or, better still, a moonlight bathe when the sea is calm. This isn't always too easy to arrange, but if you have transport, you will enjoy far more a sun out to the beach after office hours than a whole afternoon in the grilling heat.

When you go in the daytime, do wear your sunglasses to protect your eyes against the glare and avoid screwing them up in wrinkles and creases. Sun glasses are a boon for those with light coloured eyes, who find the strong light so trying. They can do no harm if you but a good pair and don't make a habit of wearing them all the time. Wear them against the glare, but not as part of your summer outfit, and bathe your eyes with boracic lotion every day.

## London Collections feature Autumn styles

In autumn collections already being shown by London's principal wholesale dress houses, the full skirt and fitted jacket still lead, although a number of designers include suits with straight lines in the ranges for country and travel wear.

None of the skirt lengths, however, are longer than mid-calf—the "London Look" favoured by Princess Elizabeth during her recent visit to Paris—and it is interesting to note that while some of the wide skirts have all-round fullness a number show a bias-cut, gently flared in front and full at the back.

### New Suits

The gored tailored skirt with bands let in between each gore is a newcomer which promises to be successful and a model shown recently by D. Bitter was worn with a dark jacket cut on novel waistcoat lines.

This notion of a two-material suit is growing attractively, examples having cut-away check jackets worn over plain dresses, the skirts of the latter showing soft, unpressed fullness.

We look back on the fashions of two years ago—hats, clothes or lingerie—and they seem as outmoded as the styles of 1939. Fashion, in short, is racing ahead and only women's inability to keep up with it may prevent it from getting out of hand. Nevertheless, the newest lingerie to take only one aspect of women's clothes, has restraint and excellent lines.

### Knickerbockers

It was inevitable, of course, that with the onset of more feminine lines, tighter waists and a more rounded figure, designers should experiment with the 1948 edition of the old-fashioned knickerbockers, wide, ruffled, flow-besprinkled.

As fast as the modern woman is concerned, a good boy, since he's got to be worn with them. They can be regarded, indeed, as a divided petticoat. On the other hand, at a recent show of lingerie two knickerbockers were worn over knickerbockers of the kind, but that was a pleasant fantasy which is not likely to become fact so far as the average woman is concerned.

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## Between Ourselves: Continued from Page 18



EXAMPLES FROM A COLLECTION OF CHILDREN'S CLOTHES WHICH DUPREZ OF LONDON WILL SHOW AT THE COPENHAGEN FAIR IN SEPTEMBER.

The child on the left wears a fresh-looking cotton dress, with yoke, sleeves and deep hem of green and white checked gingham and white bodice and skirt smocked with a matching green. Her younger sister wears a white rayon linen skirt with braces, stitched in red, with a white organdie blouse, edged with the same red and fastened with tiny red buttons.

The sturdy child on her left is in a blue and white candy-striped cotton dress with frilled yoke and pockets smocked in red and white. The blonde baby on the right wears an original little dress of pink polka spotted cotton, with multi-coloured borders of chickens and rabbits.

Red, white and blue gingham is favoured by the small rollerskater on the right. This is really a one-piece dress, so that the frilled straps will not slip untidily off active young shoulders. The full skirt is smocked in red and blue. The neck and sleeves of the white bodice are edged with the gingham. Left, a navy and white candy striped cotton dress is trimmed with bands of navy and scarlet. The demure round yoke is white.

## "THE LOOK" IN CHILDREN'S FASHIONS

By Victoria Chappelle

While fashions are changing rapidly in the adult world, clothes for children are also showing interesting developments.

Britain has always been famous for children's fashions. But today there are designers who are successfully presenting smart and pretty clothes for youngsters made on the mass production principle, at prices

which are keenly competitive. The British display Copenhagen Fair, in September, will show some of this new children's clothing. The designs are secret, and will be until the day the show opens, but there is already

a fair idea of what the styles will be.

Duprez of London, who recently held a show of children's wear, gives a fair indication in his collection of the trends that will be followed.

The most popular materials are cotton and rayon linens, as they are so washable and long-wearing. The keynote of these little dresses is not only their simplicity—and they are designed to be easy to wash and keep in order—but the attractive manner in which the trimmings are used.

Ruffling is another favourite method of introducing a little elaboration on a plain cotton dress; this can be seen as an adjunct to shoulder straps and a more traditional method, as edging to collar and cuffs.

The use of one material on another to form a trimming is very successful, especially for the toddler whose eye is delighted by bright and harmonious colours.

Little girls like shoulder straps or shoulder strap effects, and these are usually easy to manage so far as washing is concerned. For the very small child a dress which looks like a blouse

and skirt is best, for straps are apt to slip off the shoulder if they are loose. Pockets are popular, too, since any child loves to carry small treasures about with her and these are usually included on the type of dress which can be worn for playtime.

## Recipes that are Easy to Make

## Savory Baked Fish

Six whole small fish, ½ cup salad oil, ¼ cup lemon juice, ½ clove garlic (finely minced), ½ teaspoon salt, pinch cayenne pepper, ½ cup lightly fried bread cubes (not very small), ½ cup finely diced celery.

Wash and dry fish, trim fins and tails, leave heads on. Combine salad oil, lemon juice, garlic, salt and cayenne. Pour over fish in shallow dish, allow to stand 15 to 20 minutes, turning once. Mix bread cubes and celery season with salt. Remove fish from marinade, stuff firmly with bread and celery. Close opening by sewing with coarse thread. Place in shallow baking dish, add marinade in which fish soaked.

Cover with greased paper, bake in moderate oven (375 deg. F.) until fish is tender, white, and flaky, about 20 to 30 minutes. Baste occasionally during cooking. Serve hot with tartare sauce.

## Cheese Puffit

One cup diced ham, 1 level dessertspoon finely chopped onion, 3 dessertspoons margarine or butter, 2 slices bread (cut ½ in. thick), 4oz. cheese, 2 eggs, ½ teaspoon salt, pinch cayenne pepper, 1½ cups hot milk, 1 dessertspoon chopped parsley.

Fry onion and ham lightly in 1 dessertspoon of the margarine or butter. Place in deep, greased ovenware dish. Break bread into small pieces, cut cheese into thin wafers. Separate whites from yolks of eggs; beat yolks, add balance of margarine or butter (melted), bread, cheese, salt, cayenne, hot milk, and parsley. All to stand 15 to 20 minutes.

Beat egg-whites stiffly, fold into mixture. Pour on to ham in dish, bake in moderate oven (350 deg. F.) 45 to 50 minutes. Treat with clean skewer, then put an eye shade on to keep it in place.



My eyes are constantly red during the summertime, probably from too much salt-water bathing. The lids always look screwed up and dry. This condition always goes during the winter, so it never worried me very much, although it looks bad.—A.J.K.

It is not so much the salt water that makes your eyes red, but the fine sand which is almost inseparable from sea-water. The sand irritates the eyes and makes them red.

Eyes are our most precious possessions, and they should be treated as such. They must be properly washed in clear water, or better still a good eye-lotion, once or twice a day. Reliable eye drops will also benefit them.

Apply a good night cream, or some hormone cream if you are over thirty, to the upper and lower eyelids. Put on the cream gently each night before retiring and you will soon find that your eye-lids no longer look "screwed up and dry."

My ears protrude horribly. They seem to stick out, no matter what I do with my hair. Is there any way I can have them altered so that they do not look quite so bad?—J.C.

Plastic surgery is the answer to your trouble, since you say that no hair-arrangement can help hide your ears. So, if ever you happen to go to the United States you can have your ears fixed. In the meantime, I suggest that you consult a good hair stylist—you may find the answer to your problem right here.

I have quite a rash of small whiteheads on my upper arms. They cannot be seen, but it is making me quite self-conscious. What can I do?—VINTHIA.

Whether whiteheads can be seen on your arms or not, this condition must be remedied. Hot and cold towel applications to the affected parts, combined with massage with some good cream, would help disperse the whiteheads by improving the circulation. These will eventually disappear.

Ann Temple  
Relatives can be a Strain

What is one's protection against people who get on one's nerves? I have foolishly allowed this to happen with a relative. When she is staying with me I am reduced to a state of depression and sleeplessness.—PERFLEXED.

You'll find a counter-emotion effective. Meet the irritation half-way and turn it back.

She says or does something stupidly annoying—feel sorry for her, pity her that she is such a fool. See the idea? It's activity and a sending out on your part so that you are not receptive to a depressing current. Well worth while learning how to immunize yourself against personalities antagonistic to your own. Saves nerve-strain.

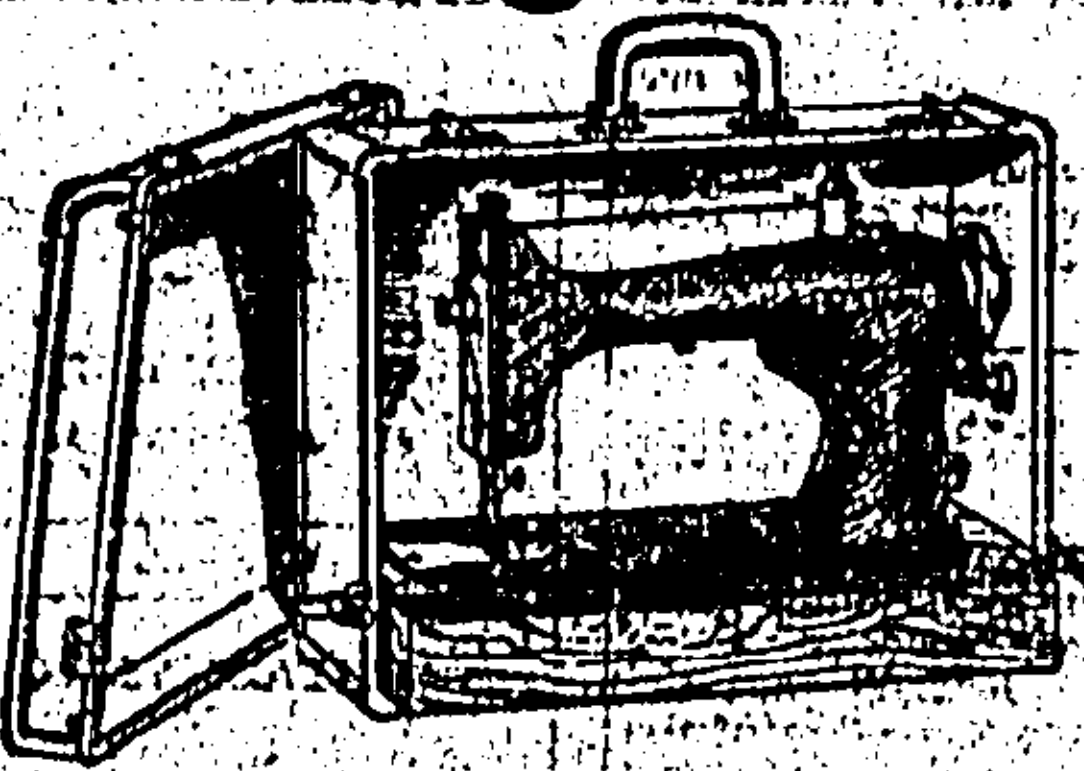
As all past love affairs are strictly personal matter, I do not see any point in disclosing them to a future wife, provided that they do not in any way affect a future marriage mentally or physically. Do you agree?—DACEFLOR.

There's no "must" or "must not" about the thing. Just a matter of choice, isn't it?

Some like to talk and talk unwisely. They think of it as unburdening their conscience. But I can't see why they should load it on the poor girl. Others don't talk. But of course, they must have confidence in their silence—positing temptation to prevaricate, when questions arise. Else there's trouble.

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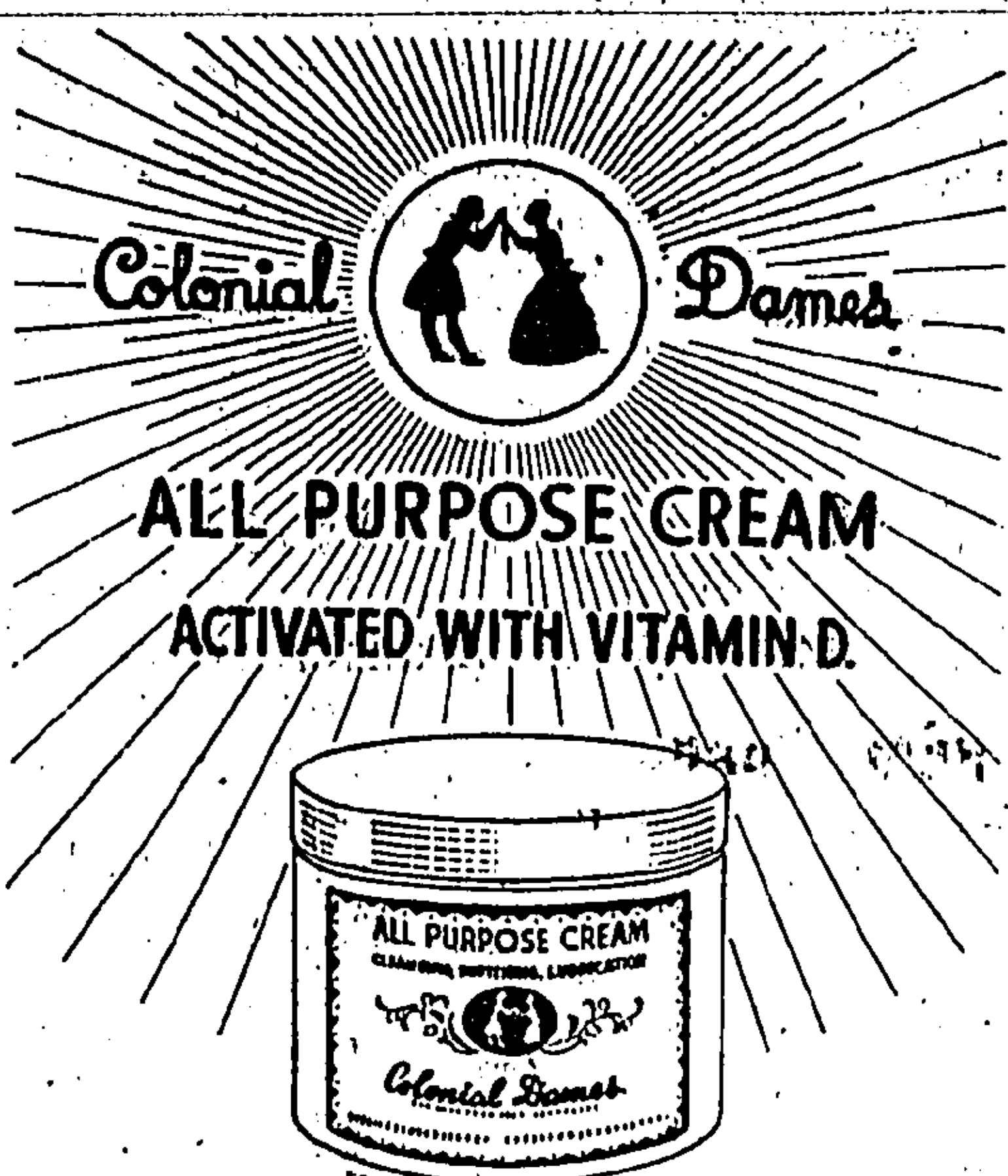
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|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
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| "TJISADANE" from Macassar & Javaport 17th August | to Javaport & Macassar 1st September      |
| "TJIBADAK" from Macassar & Javaport 1st Sept.    | to Javaport & Macassar 15th Sept.         |

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| Arrivals                                                      | Sailings                                                                   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| "RUYS" from Japan and Shanghai 20th August                    | to South Africa via Manila Straits & Batavia 23rd August                   |
| "STRAAT MALAKKA" from South Africa 26th Aug.                  | to South Africa & South America via Manila Straits & Batavia 1st Oct.      |
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| Arrivals                                             | Sailings                     |
|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
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| "VAN HEUTSZ" from Swatow & Amoy 8th August           | to Amoy & Swatow 22nd August |

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| Arrivals                               | Sailings                                        |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| "MEERKERK" from Europe 9th August      | to Shanghai & Japan 11th August                 |
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| Arrivals                                           | Sailings                              |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
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LOADING DATES IN U.S.A.

| Loads                          | Date        | Vessel         |
|--------------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles | Early Aug.  | m.v. "MINDORO" |
|                                | Early Sept. | m.v. "HALLAND" |

### ARRIVALS

| From                           | Date        | Vessel              |
|--------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles | 10th August | m.v. "DONA ANICETA" |
|                                | 3rd Sept.   | m.v. "TONGHAI"      |

### SAILINGS

| For                            | Date        | Vessel              |
|--------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles | 24th August | m.v. "DONA ANICETA" |
|                                | 8th Sept.   | m.v. "TONGHAI"      |

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|-------------------|--------------------|------------|
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| S.S. "BENLAWERS"  | U.K.               | Mid Sept.  |
| S.S. "BENRUACHAN" | U.K.               | Early Oct. |

### SAILINGS

| SHIP             | TO                                                     | DATE     |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| S.S. "BENVENUE"  | (Colombo)                                              | Mid Aug. |
| S.S. "BENLAWERS" | (Aden, Port Said, London, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hamburg) | Oct.     |

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Assam Frontier Tea, 18/6  
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Imperial Tea Company, 20/6  
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Rand Mines, 6-6/10  
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## SAILINGS TO

|             |                                                               |                   |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| "NEWCHWANG" | Singapore & Penang                                            | 5 p.m. 8th Aug.   |
| "FAKHAI"    | Yokohama, Yokkaichi & Kobe                                    | 4 p.m. 8th Aug.   |
| "TSINAN"    | Shanghai, Incheon & Pusan                                     | 4 p.m. 10th Aug.  |
| "SINKIANG"  | Amoy & Swatow                                                 | 10 a.m. 16th Aug. |
| "FENGTIEN"  | Yokohama, Yokkaichi & Kobe                                    | 5 p.m. 17th Aug.  |
| "SHENGKING" | Spore, Batavia, Sourabaya & Macassar                          | 5 p.m. 21st Aug.  |
| "SINKIANG"  | Singapore, Palembang, Macassar, Sourabaya, Samarang & Batavia | 4 p.m. 22nd Aug.  |
| "DAVIEN"    | Swatow, Saigon & Bangkok                                      | 4 p.m. 24th Aug.  |

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| "SINKIANG"  | Amoy & Swatow                                                 | 10 a.m. 16th Aug. |
| "FENGTIEN"  | Yokohama, Yokkaichi & Kobe                                    | 5 p.m. 17th Aug.  |
| "SHENGKING" | Spore, Batavia, Sourabaya & Macassar                          | 5 p.m. 21st Aug.  |
| "SINKIANG"  | Singapore, Palembang, Macassar, Sourabaya, Samarang & Batavia | 4 p.m. 22nd Aug.  |
| "DAVIEN"    | Swatow, Saigon & Bangkok                                      | 4 p.m. 24th Aug.  |

## RIVER SERVICE

|           |                     |                     |
|-----------|---------------------|---------------------|
| "FATSHAN" | Arrives from Canton | 1.30 p.m. 10th Aug. |
| "WUSUEH"  | Sails for Canton    | 2 a.m. 12th Aug.    |
|           | Sails for Macao     | noon, 10th Aug.     |
|           | Sails for Macao     | 4 p.m. 11th Aug.    |
|           | Sails for Macao     | noon 12th Aug.      |
|           | Arrives from Macao  | 4 p.m. 13th Aug.    |

Agents: BLUE FUNNEL LINE

## U.K. SERVICE

Arrivals from

|            |                  |           |
|------------|------------------|-----------|
| "MEMNON"   | U.K. via Straits | In port   |
| "AENEAS"   | U.K. via Straits | 18th Aug. |
| "ALCINOUS" | U.K. via Straits | 19th Aug. |

Sailings to

|            |                                                 |            |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------|
| "RIEXENOR" | Casablanca, Liverpool and Glasgow via Port Said | 12th Aug.  |
| "AENEAS"   | Liverpool & Glasgow via Port Said               | 14th Sept. |

## NEW YORK SERVICE

Arrivals from

|              |                                     |           |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| "MENESTHEUS" | U.K. via U.S.A. Manila and Shanghai | 3rd Sept. |
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Sailing to

|              |                                |                |
|--------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| "MENESTHEUS" | New York and Montreal via Suez | 1st week Sept. |
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Agents: Australian-Oriental Line, Ltd.

Arrivals from

|            |                    |             |
|------------|--------------------|-------------|
| "CHANGTTE" | Sydney & Brisbane  | 11th August |
| "SOCHOW"   | Sydney & Melbourne | 31st August |

Sailings to

|          |                    |               |
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| "SHANSI" | Sydney & Melbourne | 4th week Aug. |
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# Shipping Intelligence

## Shipping Arrivals

## YESTERDAY

|                               |     |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| CHOY SANG (Jardine) ex-Keele  | 11  |
| HANGOLA (Mac. Mac.) from Amoy | 13  |
| ALCINOUS (D. & S.) ex-Europe  | 16  |
| ALCINOUS (D. & S.) ex-Europe  | 19  |
| ALCINOUS (D. & S.) ex-Europe  | 22  |
| ALCINOUS (D. & S.) ex-Europe  | 25  |
| ALCINOUS (D. & S.) ex-Europe  | 28  |
| ALCINOUS (D. & S.) ex-Europe  | 31  |
| ALCINOUS (D. & S.) ex-Europe  | 34  |
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| ALCINOUS (D. & S.) ex-Europe  | 40  |
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| ALCINOUS (D. & S.) ex-Europe  | 70  |
| ALCINOUS (D. & S.) ex-Europe  | 73  |
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| ALCINOUS (D. & S.) ex-Europe  | 94  |
| ALCINOUS (D. & S.) ex-Europe  | 97  |
| ALCINOUS (D. & S.) ex-Europe  | 100 |

## TODAY

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|-------------------------------------|----|
| LEIF MAERK (Jensen) ex-New York     | 11 |
| MEMNON (D. & S.) ex-U.K. Hol's Whf. | 13 |
| TSINAN (D. & S.) ex-Swallow         | 16 |
| YAN HUI (R.L.L.) ex-Amoy            | 19 |

## TOMORROW

|                                    |    |
|------------------------------------|----|
| BENVENUE (Lorley) ex-U.K.          | 11 |
| LAKE SHAWNIGAN (Jardine) ex-Canada | 13 |
| RESOLUTE (U.S.L.) ex-New York      | 16 |

## Shipping Departures

## YESTERDAY

|                             |     |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| BRIS (Coxes Co.) for Canton | 11  |
| HANGOLA (D. & S.) for Amoy  | 13  |
| ALCINOUS (D. & S.) for Amoy | 16  |
| ALCINOUS (D. & S.) for Amoy | 19  |
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## TODAY

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|-------------------------------------------|----|
| KAFIRISTAN (Jardine) for Japan            | 11 |
| MARCHEN MAERK (Jensen) for Keelung        | 13 |
| MULINO (Rama) for Manila                  | 16 |
| NAVAJO VICTORY (U.S.L.) for San Francisco | 19 |

## TOMORROW

|                                 |    |
|---------------------------------|----|
| CANTON (Mac. Mac.) for U.K.     | 11 |
| CHAMPOLLION (M.M.) for Shanghai | 13 |
| RIEXENOR (D. & S.) for U.K.     | 16 |
| TSAI ER (C.M.B.N.) for Japan    | 19 |

## Vessels In Port

|                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| ADINA (D. & S.)                 | 11  |
| AMANTHUR (Whitlock) Flower Cove | 13  |
| ANNLOCK (Walton) Flower Cove    | 16  |
| IRIS (Thoresen) Flower Cove     | 19  |
| HUSHWOOD (Mac. Mac.) K. Whf.    | 22  |
| CHAK SANG (Jardine) K. Whf.     | 25  |
| CHANG HING (Eastern) T. Dk.     | 28  |
| CHANG HING (Eastern) T. Dk.     | 31  |
| CHANG HING (Eastern) T. Dk.     | 34  |
| CHANG HING (Eastern) T. Dk.     | 37  |
| CHANG HING (Eastern) T. Dk.     | 40  |
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## JAPAN

NANCHANG (D. &amp; S.) ex-Japan 11

RUYA (R.L.L.) ex-Japan 13

BANGOLA (Mac. Mac.) ex-Japan 16

STRAAT MALAKKA (R.L.L.) ex-Japan 19

CARTAGE (Mac. Mac.) ex-Singapore 22

EASTERN SAGA (Jardine) ex-Singapore 25

EASTERN SAGA (Jardine) ex-Singapore 28

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EASTERN SAGA (Jardine) ex-Singapore 37

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EASTERN SAGA (Jardine) ex-Singapore 226

## AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS

## Arrivals

|                                         |     |
|-----------------------------------------|-----|
| ROSEVILLE (Bank Line) for Pacific Coast | 11  |
| FREE TYLER (A.P.L.) for San Francisco   | 13  |
| FREE TYLER (A.P.L.) for San Francisco   | 16  |
| FREE TYLER (A.P.L.) for San Francisco   | 19  |
| FREE TYLER (A.P.L.) for San Francisco   | 22  |
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| FREE TYLER (A.P.L.) for San Francisco   | 28  |
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## TODAY

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| CNAC ex-Shanghai: 11.45 a.m.; Amoy<br>via Swatow: 1.35 p.m., ex-Canton:<br>4.30 p.m. 6.45 p.m. | 11<br>13<br>16<br>19<br>22<br>25<br>28<br>31<br>34<br>37<br>40<br>43<br>46<br>49<br>52<br>55<br>58 |
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Optional cargo will not be landed here, unless notice has been given 48 hours prior to vessel's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 14th August, 1948, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 13th August, 1948 at 10 a.m. by our Surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

All claims must reach us before the 7th September, 1948, or they will not be recognized.

No insurance will be effected.  
**JERSEN & CO.,**  
 Agents.  
 Hong Kong, 7th August, 1948.

## Notice To Consignees

M.V. "MAIDEN CREEK"

Having arrived Hongkong consignees of cargo are hereby notified that all goods have been landed and placed at their risk and expense into the godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. where delivery may be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the godowns.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the godown where they will be examined in the presence of Messrs. Goddard & Douglas on the 7 & 8 Aug. at 10 a.m.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when examining damaged dutiable goods. All claims against the vessel must be presented to the undersigned within fourteen days of the ship's arrival, or they will not be recognized.

No fire insurance will be effected.

**WALLEN & CO.,**  
 Agents.  
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## Notice To Consignees

Consignees per Canada Atlantic Lines Ltd.

S.S. "RAYSIDE"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co.'s godown where it will be at consignees' risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and conditions of storage, and where delivery may be obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's Surveyors. Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on the 9th August.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 10th August, 1948, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 10th August, 1948, or they will not be recognized.

No fire insurance will be effected.

**DODWELL & CO., LTD.**  
 Agents.  
 Hongkong, 2nd August, 1948.

## Notice To Consignees

Consignees per Barber-Wilhelmsen Line.

M.V. "TAMERLANE"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co.'s godown where it will be at consignees' risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and conditions of storage, and where delivery may be obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's Surveyors. Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on 9th August.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claim will be admitted after the goods have left the Steamer's godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 10th August, 1948 will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 10th August, 1948, or they will not be recognized.

No fire insurance will be effected.

**DODWELL & CO., LTD.**  
 Agents.  
 Hongkong, 2nd August, 1948.

## China's Football Team



THE CHINESE OLYMPIC FOOTBALL TEAM pictured at Hendon Athletic Track, where they were training for their Olympic match against Turkey. They were beaten.—AP Photo.

## Services Table Tennis

The most interesting match of the week in the Services Table Tennis Tournament was on Friday. Buffs who have been putting across some good table tennis lately were at home to Y.M.C.A. in the final.

The result was a win for the second-placed Services team 3-2 after some keenly contested rivalry.

Hand (21-13, 21-13) and Clarke (21-13, 21-13) both newcomers to the "V" beat Robertson and West. "Dot" Riff has yet to lose a game in a match. The answer depended on Brockbank, who won the first game against Buffs Ison, only to lose finally (21-18, 17-21, 18-21).

Buffs being one short, Robertson played twice, beating Read 21-10, 21-14. The last determining the struggle found Ridsdale of the "V" edged out by Parsons, 21-18, 10-21, 13-21.

As the series draws to a close, discussions are being held informally as to the best way of repeating the league season. Most players feel that for the good of their play and without detriment to the competition, it would be better for each team player to play all the opponents one game.

The draw of course may find the weakest of one team playing the strongest of the other. In this case neither player feels justified, especially the away player. By starting games earlier in the evening, flexibly arranged so that busy members can arrive sooner of later, a much better evening table tennis would be ensured and practice obtained.

## Standings

|                   |    |    |    |    |
|-------------------|----|----|----|----|
| H.K. Signals      | 9  | 28 | 7  | 28 |
| Buffs             | 10 | 17 | 13 | 37 |
| U.S.C. 1st        | 9  | 20 | 15 | 34 |
| U.S.C. 2nd        | 5  | 18 | 12 | 25 |
| U.S.C. 3rd        | 5  | 18 | 12 | 25 |
| C.F. H.M.S. Tamar | 11 | 21 | 21 | 53 |
| R.N. Hospital     | 10 | 20 | 20 | 50 |
| R.N.M.S.          | 6  | 16 | 13 | 35 |
| Sgt. Sten. R.A.F. | 6  | 16 | 13 | 35 |
| V.A.D.S. R.N.H.   | 10 | 7  | 48 | 7  |
| H.M.H. Kowloon    | 6  | 6  | 54 | 6  |

## THRILLS IN ARMY HOCKEY FINAL

In the final of the Army six-a-side hockey competition Land Forces beat CRE by 11-7 after extra time.

It was a very close and thrilling game with Land Forces well deserving their victory.

In spite of a wet and greasy surface the play was of a surprisingly high standard throughout with some excellent movements from both sides.

In the second minute CRE took the lead when their centre forward Payne crashed the ball home with a well timed shot following some good play by Ingram on the right wing.

However, their success was short lived for following some fast end-to-end play Bokingham scrambled the ball into the net from pass by Evans to score the equaliser.

## Firm Grip

CRE were proving the better combination and their half backs Hogg and Jones appeared to have a firm grip on the game. It was not surprising therefore, when they scored again, the ball going into the goal off one of the Land Forces' defenders.

Land Forces had not settled down yet and suffered a further setback when Payne raced through their defence to score a grand individual goal. CRE were well on top at this point, but Land Forces made a desperate rally which resulted in Manson scoring, following an opening by Bell.

Land Forces scored an equaliser just before half time when Harris passed to Manson who made no mistake with a hard shot. The score at half time was 3-3.

Immediately after the resumption Land Forces attacked strongly and were rewarded with a goal. The ball was flicked out to their right winger, Evans, who after making some ground, passed to Bokingham where shot was blocked. The ball bounced back

to the eager Land Forces forwards, and it was Bell who steered it into the goal.

The CRE were playing well, but had some bad luck when one of their defenders slipped, leaving Land Forces an easy opening from which they scored. This made it 5-3 to Land Forces, and the game looked to be all over as there was very little time to go.

## Amazing Recovery

CRE had different ideas, however, and pulling themselves to higher stages an amazing recovery. In less than 4 minutes they had scored 3 goals and had turned an impending defeat into a well deserved lead. Payne, who was ably supported by his wingers, scored two goals.

The fortunes of the game had changed so dramatically that it now looked as though CRE were going to pull off a splendid victory, but Land Forces were not to be denied, and with less than a minute to go they swept up the field and obtained an equaliser through Bokingham.

Loud applause greeted this goal and shortly afterwards the final whistle went with the score 6-6.

It had been a very good clean match and it was anybody's game when the teams took the field for extra time. However, Land Forces stayed the pace better and settled down to some really good hockey to which the CRE had no reply.

Land Forces scored 5 times in extra time, and the CRE once. Lt. Colonel Alexander presented prizes to members of the winning team.

## BERLIN TRUNK RAIL BEING REPAIRED

Berlin, August 7.

A Soviet-licensed newspaper today reported that the trunk railway between Berlin and Western Germany was being repaired and that after the work was done heavy and fast trains again can operate on this track.

The line on which railway labour crews were reported to be busy was the Magdeburg-Marlenborn section of the Berlin-Helmstedt railway. It was the closing of this section last June 10 "for technical reasons" that the Russians clamped the blockade on Berlin.

The newspaper, Berlin Zeitung, added details of reports that rails along that portion of the line had been dismantled. Clarification of the press report was lacking. Western officials were unwilling to accept it.

Immediately as a hint that the line might be opened again to traffic into Berlin from the West. The first reaction was that it was at the best no more than a foster in the diplomatic manoeuvres going on while the Eastern and Western representatives negotiated on the Berlin crisis in Moscow.

The sum of impressions in responsible quarters were that relations between Russia and the Western powers had definitely improved, leading to a change for the worse in the Moscow talks.—United Press.

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## Awaits Stillman's Return

Shanghai, August 7.  
 Mr. Roger D. Lapham, chief of the United States Mission to China for ECA, arrived in Shanghai this weekend, awaiting the return from Washington of Mr. Charles L. Stillman, head of the technical mission, who last week reported in person to ECA Administrator Paul Hoffman.

The ECA headquarters here was silent about Mr. Lapham's North China tour as well as the budget balancing proposals which the Chinese government was said to be prepared to make at the next meeting between the officials.

However, it was understood Mr. Lapham is waiting for Mr. Stillman's return and report on his Washington conference before settling a date for a meeting between his staff and CUSA—Council for United States Aid.

No inkling has been published of the terms of the report Mr. Stillman made to Mr. Hoffman.

The Stillman Mission made a complete geographical and economic study of military, political and economic situations in South, Central and North China, Hainan and Formosa. In all likelihood, the allocation of funds for economic reconstruction will be based on Mr. Stillman's report.

Chinese government interest, however, is at present reported to be centering on immediate steps by which the funds realized from the sale of cotton, fertilizers, and other imports from the United States could be used to meet the budget deficit. Government officials are reported to believe that such a step is the best way to bring about the earliest stabilization of the tottering financial structure of China.

So far, however, no members of the ECA in China have given any hint of their reaction to the budget balancing proposal.—United Press.

## Futile Late Rally By Locke

Chicago, August 7.

Lloyd Mangrum won the double prize of US\$10,000 yesterday sweating out the futile late rally by Bobby Locke of South Africa to capture the annual Tam O'Shanter "Tourney".

Locke was second and Jimmy Demaret had a total of 281 to take third place money.

Mangrum tied for second place at the start of the final round but blasted a four under par 68 for a 72-hole total of 277.

Locke faltered on the 18th hole to take 71 and a 278 total.—United Press.

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## LAWN BOWLS

# RECREIO IMPROVE POSITION BY BEATING FOOTBALL CLUB

Recreio went further ahead in their quest for the First Division Lawn Bowls Championship when they beat Hong Kong Football Club by 4½ points to ½ point at home yesterday.

In the Second Division Hong Kong Cricket Club improved their chances when they accounted for Recreio and won by four points to one.

At Sookunpoo Indian Recreation Club beat Kowloon Cricket Club comfortably, in the First Division.

Visiting Kings Park, the Hong Kong Football Club lost to the Club de Recreio on two rinks and drew on one, with an aggregate deficit of 23 shots, in a First League game.

K. S. Robertson put up a splendid fight against J. F. V. Ribeiro and, on the last hole, scored a three to equalise at 21 shots each. The scores chalked up by the visitors included a four, three threes, two twos, and four singles, against the home rinks' two fours, a three, three twos, and four singles.

The other two Recreio rinks proved much too strong for the Hong Kong players.

## FIRST DIVISION

| RECREIO          | H.K.F.C.         |
|------------------|------------------|
| B. Marques       | B. A. Mansell    |
| F. V. V. Ribeiro | J. Waller        |
| R. Luz           | J. A. R. Selby   |
| J. Luz           | L. A. Collyer    |
| (Skip)           | (Skip)           |
| J. C. Remedios   | C. Gough         |
| C. Roza Pereira  | A. Coleman       |
| C. C. Pereira    | B. I. Blackford  |
| J. F. V. Ribeiro | K. S. Robertson  |
| (Skip)           | (Skip)           |
| A. A. Lopes      | J. S. Howell     |
| C. E. Marques    | W. E. Hollands   |
| F. X. M. Silva   | J. Brindley      |
| J. Noronha       | N. J. Bebbington |
| (Skip)           | (Skip)           |
| 67               | 45               |

## KBGC—KDRC

At Austin Road Kowloon Bowling Green Club beat Kowloon Docks Recreation Club by eight shots and on two rinks.

## TODAY'S FIXTURES

The following games will be played today in the First Round of the Open Rinks Lawn Bowls Championship:

AT C.C.C.  
M. H. Hansen, M. V. Adair, R. Yusuf, A. A. Ramjahn (28001) v. E. M. Alarcon, A. V. Gossau, H. P. Marques, F. X. M. da Silva (28078).

H. M. A. Baeck, A. H. A. Hahman, A. H. Batack, A. M. Wahab (22601) v. E. F. Pope, E. A. Atkins, G. F. Thomson, L. Byke (28786).

AT H.K.F.C.  
I. M. Omar, A. M. Omar, K. M. Omar, J. M. Omar (22503) v. H. R. Pina, O. A. Noronha, C. P. Bato, C. Roza Pereira (27205).

J. Lee, J. W. Lee, J. N. Wong, Dr. C. W. Lam (20150) v. J. W. Leonard, L. C. R. Sousa, A. L. Cotes, H. W. Bradbury (24672).

AT RECREIO  
A. McInnes, W. Gaffney, G. R. Logan, W. D. McMaster (26061) v. E. Greenwood, A. H. Eastman, W. C. Simpson, J. McElvrie (26051).

W. J. Marshall, J. McLelland, P. Kennedy, J. Davis (26051) v. V. C. Dixon, C. Drimman, A. J. Hall, J. Fraser (26021).

AT K.B.G.C.  
A. A. Batack, J. Bradley, W. Hong Hing, J. S. Landolt (22068) v. A. W. Hickey, J. E. Burns, P. N. Hill, A. J. Hill (21003).

J. S. Howell, A. H. Coleman, H. A. Mansell, N. J. Bebbington (20206) v. M. Batack, I. Kitchell, K. M. Ramjahn, G. M. Ramjahn (28001).

AT K.C.C.  
J. L. S. Alves, A. A. Lopes, L. F. Xavier, D. P. Remedios (20437) v. G. H. Gough, A. H. Selby, L. A. Collyer, K. S. Robertson (20510).

A. R. Minu, A. R. Kitchell, J. Moosen, A. K. Minu (28001) v. F. M. M. da Silva, F. X. Soares, J. A. da Luz, R. P. da Luz (20305).

AT K.D.C.  
A. P. Pereira, J. G. Remedios, J. H. Xavier, C. C. Pereira (20041) v. L. V. Silva, A. M. Rodrigues, F. V. V. Ribeiro, F. V. Ribeiro (20200).

A. F. Noronha, G. E. Marques, A. P. Batack, J. E. Noronha (20202) v. G. E. Marques, T. A. Madari, F. Goodwin, E. G. Fincher (20210).

## RESULTS AT A GLANCE

| GLANCE                                       |    |              |    |  |  |
|----------------------------------------------|----|--------------|----|--|--|
| FIRST DIVISION                               |    |              |    |  |  |
| K.B.G.C. (2)                                 | 64 | K.D.R.C. (1) | 56 |  |  |
| Recreio (2½)                                 | 67 | I.K.F.C. (½) | 47 |  |  |
| I.R.C. (2)                                   | 82 | K.C.C. (1)   | 59 |  |  |
| SECOND DIVISION                              |    |              |    |  |  |
| C.C.C. (4)                                   | 78 | K.B.G.C. (1) | 61 |  |  |
| Recreio (1)                                  | 61 | H.K.C.C. (2) | 77 |  |  |
| I.K.F.C. (2)                                 | 60 | F. O. C. (1) | 64 |  |  |
| (Figures in brackets denote<br>win on rinks. |    |              |    |  |  |

## AMERICAN BASEBALL

New York Giants cracked a three-game losing streak today in downing Pittsburgh Pirates 7-6, with Ray Pott gaining his 10th victory although he needed help to stem a Pirate ninth inning uprising.

Pott's double with bases full and Johnny Mize's single with bases full added two. Then St. Louis' single scored a sixth run in the fifth. Giants scored that proved to be the winning run in the seventh with Gordon's inside driving home Whitey Lockman. Dixie Walker homered or the first time of the season in the sixth and other Pirate homers were by Stan Rojek in the first and Ed Stevens in the eighth. The score was:

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

| Pittsburgh Pirates | R | H  | E |
|--------------------|---|----|---|
| New York Giants    | 7 | 10 | 1 |
| Pirates            | 6 | 10 | 1 |

Umpire: C. Klutts.  
Giants: P. Pott, Jones, C. Cooper.  
—United Press.



## Not Willing To Release Forward

Middlesbrough, August 8. The Middlesbrough Football Club, First Division side, today turned down an offer by the Italian soccer club, Juventus of Turin, for the transfer of its inside forward, Wilfredo Mannion.

Mannion plays for the English international team.

He has not resigned from Middlesbrough and will play in the new English season starting on August 21. Middlesbrough are not willing to release him to any other team.

A few days ago, Paddy Egan, former Arsenal and Sheffield United footballer, was signed by a Milan soccer club for £10,000. —Associated Press.



THREE STARS OF THE V.R.C. (Above)—Gerry Roza Pereira, 100 yards breast stroke champion, George Saunders, record holder of the 50 yards free-style and A. V. Lopes, back stroke champion.

The trio make up the V.R.C. 3 x 50 yards medley relay team. Recently during a gala, they clipped 2/5 of a second off the old mark for this event returning the time of 26-2/5 seconds.

EIGHT-YEAR-OLD Nicola Penultima (left) who caused a sensation in swimming circles by her extremely impressive style and speed.

Last week at the V.R.C. Nicola won the 50 yards for girls event in 44 seconds. —Sunday Herald Photos.

## VRC MIGHT HAVE SWIM CHAMPIONSHIPS ALL THEIR OWN WAY

Seven weeks more to the swimming championships of the colony. And yet as much time left to prepare.

By the comparative showings of the Chinese swimmers, who have been virtually inactive so far, it would be unwise at present to attempt any forecasts.

As things stand however, the Victoria Recreation Club appear supreme, they alone, this year, have been keeping competitive swimming alive. They are therefore likely to repeat if not better their extraordinarily fine performances of the past season, when they annexed 18 victories, or 37 per cent of the whole board.

## Six VRC Records

Seven records were established on the same occasion. The Victorians own six of them. The remaining one is credited to Chan Chun Nam (Lai Tsun Swimming Union) for his 5 min. 19 seconds effort in the 440 yards freestyle.

Other teams ranked: Lai Tsun Swimming Union, five wins; the U.S. University, two; the Chinese, one; and others, none.

Great strides have been developed by the swimmers of V.R.C. in their training. Under the expert direction of L. E. Soares, the club's official coach, progress is most apparent.

To mention a few cases: F. Roza Pereira, colony 100 yards free style champion who on Wednesday last clocked 2 min. 52 seconds in one of the most beautiful swim races to be seen for a long while. Joao Rager, 18 year old V.R.C. protégé who might be a little young for competition in this year's championships, might nevertheless pull a few surprises. M. MacKwan, 18-year-old schoolboy champion, has a creditable 70 seconds for the 100, and a good 2 min. 55 seconds for the 220. He is L. E. Soares' big hope. Heather and Shauna Anderson, whose performances this season have been on the progressive, Shauna twice lowered the time in her own record for the 75 yards medley, in 53 seconds and 54-3/4 secs.

## Back-Stroke King

A. V. Lopes the colony back stroke king is also one of those who never fails to provide a good show in speed as well as style. His first effort for the 100 yards back stroke of 1 min. 52 secs. was bettered to 1 min. 50 secs. Many think that he might break into 1 min. 50 secs. when the championships arrive.

George Saunders, 50 yards free style record holder, swam an impressive 25 seconds in the European Y fresh water bath on Thursday last.

A regular exerciser at the V.R.C. bath these days is eight year old Nicola Penultima. The talent of this young girl is nothing short of remarkable. There is little doubt that she will go far in the swimming world, if taken in hand.

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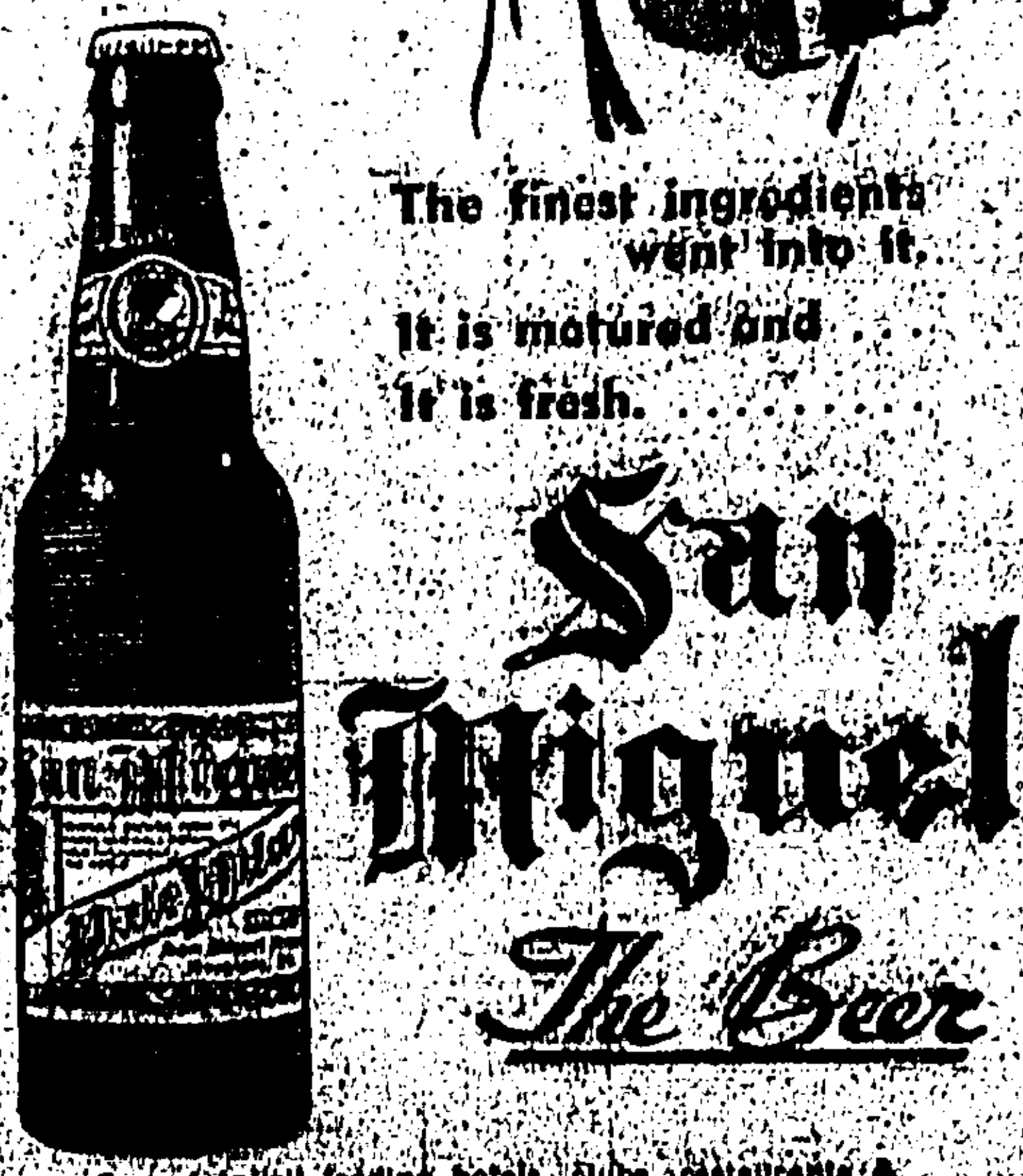
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